

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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AGROFRESH INC., : CIVIL ACTION
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Plaintiff, :
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vs. :
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ESSENTIV LLC, DECCO U.S. :
POST-HARVEST, INC., :
CEREXAGRI INC., d/b/a DECCO :
POST-HARVEST, and UPL, :
LTD., :
:
Defendants. : NO. 16-662-MN

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BEFORE: HONORABLE MARYELLEN NOREIKA, U.S.D.C.J.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Proceedings commenced in the courtroom,
beginning at 9:33 a.m.)

THE COURT: Good morning.

(Counsel respond, "Good morning, Your Honor.")

THE COURT: Please be seated. Let's start with
some introductions.

MR. STOVER: Good morning, Your Honor. Chad
Stover from Barnes & Thornburg.

With me today are Robert MacGill, Matthew Ciulla
and Jessica Lindemann, all from Barnes & Thornburg in
Indianapolis.

THE COURT: Good morning and welcome.

Mr. Cottrell?

MR. COTTRELL: Thank you, Your Honor. Good
morning. Fred Cottrell from Richards, Layton & Finger for
the defendants.

With me first from Finnegan Henderson, Gerald
Ivey, John Williamson, and Raj Gupta. Also from Finnegan,
Anand Sharma, and our clients are here from UPL. Rumit
Kumar, who is the Global General Counsel, and Carlos
Pellicer, who is the Global COO of Strategy for UPL.

THE COURT: Good morning, and welcome to

1 Delaware.

2 MR. COTTRELL: Thank you.

3 THE COURT: So we've reviewed the omnibus
4 summary judgment motion from defendants as well as the
5 Daubert motion that defendants filed, and I wanted to hear a
6 little bit more from you on some of the issues. We had a
7 few questions. And then I also want to talk a little bit
8 about the trade secret disclosures at the end.

9 So if you don't mind -- Mr. Ivey, if you don't
10 mind, I would like to take it starting with the Daubert
11 motion first, and I would like to hear from the plaintiff
12 first on this one even though it's defendants' motion. I am
13 inclined at the moment to grant the motion and exclude
14 Mr. Kleinrichert's testimony, but I want to hear from the
15 plaintiff first. Mr. Ivey?

16 MR. IVEY: Yes. Our motion. Good morning, Your
17 Honor. Gerald Ivey. The issue on behalf of Finnegan, UPL
18 and Decco will be addressed by John Williamson with the
19 Court's permission.

20 THE COURT: Of course.

21 MR. IVEY: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: But first, plaintiff.

23 MR. STOVER: And, Your Honor, with your
24 permission, Mr. MacGill will handle that. I also neglected
25 to introduce Mr. Thomas Ermi and Mina Thomas, who are

1 in-house counsel for AgroFresh.

2 THE COURT: Welcome to you as well.

3 MR. STOVER: Thank you.

4 THE COURT: Anyone who wants to argue, just make
5 sure you introduce yourself for the first time and that's
6 fine.

7 So I had a couple of questions on this motion,
8 and what I really didn't understand from the response is,
9 what is it that you are proposing happen at the trial? So
10 it just seemed like all Mr. Kleinrichert did is add some
11 numbers up, and that then there's this kind of big hole
12 where I hear there will be other evidence and testimony that
13 I don't quite understand what it is that's going to pull all
14 of this together and come up with a number. And so I'm
15 trying to understand what it is that is actually going to
16 happen with some specifics as opposed to kind of more
17 generality.

18 MR. MacGILL: Thank you, Your Honor, and good
19 morning once again. I'm Rob MacGill, representing your
20 plaintiff in this case, AgroFresh.

21 And maybe to start with, the data that we have
22 that we're presenting to the Court in terms of these costs
23 of development. And if we looked at some slides -- and if I
24 may have those binders, please.

25 And if we look at the beginning of this, Your

1 Honor, in terms of getting an orientation to the factual
2 evidence that we have that we would be presenting to the
3 Court, we can start with the details associated with what
4 Mr. Kleinrichert will testify to.

5 If we go to slide 3 of the case overview, you
6 see from materials that have been presented to Your Honor,
7 this is the table that Mr. Kleinrichert and FTI have used to
8 amalgamate and summarize the costs of development for a
9 14-year period of time, and they use data, specific data
10 that came from Dow, which was the legacy. We acquired this
11 company from Dow in a transaction some years ago.

12 Now, where is the data and where does that come
13 from? In answer to the Court's question, the data comes
14 from Dow, and there's a witness who testified,
15 Mr. Chandramouli. And Mr. Chandramouli identified in his
16 deposition in January of this year the Excel spreadsheets,
17 which are the data that make up these costs of development.

18 So these are -- and the Court would, as you
19 would anticipate, voluminous materials over a period of time
20 and they fall into two categories. They fall into
21 categories as we reference.

22 And if we could go to --

23 THE COURT: No. I understand. They fall into
24 development of the 1-MP stuff in general and then the
25 product specifically. Right?

1 MR. MacGILL: They do.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So I got that and I read all
3 of your papers. What I don't understand though is what is
4 going to happen? He can't testify that any of these costs
5 have anything to do with a particular trade secret or even
6 the trade secrets altogether, and all I understood from your
7 papers is, oh, but someone else somehow else is going to do
8 that.

9 Are you planning to come up with a number to
10 give the jury for unjust enrichment? And if so, who is
11 going to do that and what's the number going to be and where
12 has it been disclosed?

13 So I have this feeling that if I say go ahead,
14 we're just going to have a free-for-all at trial and there
15 is going to be some number for the first time the defendants
16 are seeing at trial, and that doesn't seem right to me. So
17 I'm trying to understand, what are you proposing to do with
18 this at trial? And give me specifics, not somebody
19 somewhere is going to say something to tie it all together,
20 believe me.

21 MR. MacGILL: Okay. So Mr. Kleinrichert will
22 testify on three distinct assumptions.

23 Number one, he will testify to material evidence
24 and testimony that at the trial, in front of -- in your
25 presence and in front of the jury. Your Honor, we will

1 establish that these costs are limited, or at least narrowly
2 limited to costs that were relative to developing the costs,
3 I should say, they relate to the trade secrets at issue in
4 this case.

5 So with respect to that first assumption, that
6 will come from a variety of witnesses. Dr. Beaulieu, who is
7 our current head of research, will confirm that.
8 Mr. Cassidy, who has financial orientation and detail, will
9 testify to that.

10 THE COURT: So they're going to go through
11 specifically and say each of these things, for example, the
12 rental car costs with respect to selling another product
13 that the defendant pointed out? Someone is going to go
14 through, and for every cost that Mr. -- how do you say his
15 name?

16 MR. MacGILL: Kleinrichert Richard.

17 THE COURT: Kleinrichert included, someone is
18 going to say, yes, that relates to something here?

19 MR. MacGILL: It will.

20 THE COURT: And what I'm trying to figure out,
21 you're going to have two people saying these costs to be
22 included relate to a trade secret issue?

23 MR. MacGILL: Yes. And this will come --

24 THE COURT: You know you only get five days for
25 this trial?

1 MR. MacGILL: We do. We understand that. We
2 understand this is a timed trial and there are limitations
3 that we need to deal with and be prepared to meet.

4 But, Your Honor, with respect to the specific
5 testimony we will offer on this point. Dr. Beaulieu, you
6 can go to what we filed with you and the Court last week and
7 you can see the listing of the trade secrets that are at
8 issue here, and you'll see with respect to that listing, he
9 will testify that each and every one of those trade secrets
10 were developed over a 20-year period of time. They were
11 informed by thousands of studies. Okay. Those thousands of
12 studies that were done over a 14-year period of time are
13 included in the summary here.

14 Dr. Beaulieu and Mr. Cassidy will confirm what
15 was done to present and prepare these studies. To be more
16 specific, what will Mr. Cassidy share in terms of details
17 about the costs that are included in these Excel
18 spreadsheets and during the period of time of his
19 involvement?

20 He will show, for example, through his trial
21 testimony, Your Honor, he will testify specifically, he will
22 be able to describe that for a period of years, he will be
23 able to describe the number of studies done, the costs
24 associated with those particular studies. He will show, for
25 example, in a 2010 to 2014 or '15 period of time, during his

1 tenure, his involvements in his accounting and his financial
2 recordkeeping, he will be able to establish, for example,
3 with respect to different tests that were done, how many
4 hours were spent by how many people. He will be able to
5 show you specifically how many hours were spent on this
6 study, how many items of fruit were actually tested in
7 connection with this specifically. And he'll be able to
8 provide to you examples.

9 And if we could take a look at a couple of other
10 references here, he will be able to describe specifically by
11 particular study and particular year, he'll be able to show
12 what the specifics were in terms of number of fruits that
13 were tested. Examples that he'll give will include during
14 his tenure and specifically what he did.

15 THE COURT: But how is this within -- why can't
16 he just testify about the costs of these? What is it that
17 you need Mr. Kleinrichert for?

18 MR. MacGILL: We need Mr. Kleinrichert to do
19 what Courts, what the Third Circuit has authorized we think
20 repeatedly what's helpful to the jury to amalgamate these
21 costs into discernible elements. Okay.

22 THE COURT: But they have to be discernible
23 elements that are relevant to the particular issues in the
24 case. Right?

25 MR. MacGILL: Yes, of course, they do.

1 THE COURT: So who is going to go through and
2 say what is the relevance of, for example, the rental car
3 costs associated with selling? Who is going to go through
4 and tell me that so that when you put this big number in
5 front of the jury, I know that that number had something to
6 do with the issues in this case?

7 I completely understand what you are telling me
8 about these other folks, that Dr. Beaulieu is going to say
9 we have all of this testing and it was a huge project and it
10 cost a lot of money and which of these tests cost whatever.
11 But this, what you are suggesting with Mr. Kleinrichert is
12 just some amalgamation of everything that we threw into a
13 pile for developing 1-MCP products, and I'm not sure I
14 understand who is going to go through and say, each of those
15 costs is associated with something relevant to this case and
16 the trade secret issues, because it didn't seem like he
17 could do that.

18 MR. MacGILL: Okay. Can we turn to the slide
19 number 9, please.

20 And, Judge, if I may to be specific and answer
21 the question you just asked me, so we've listed for purposes
22 of an overview the different issues for jury resolution and
23 summary judgment. I think it's useful for answering your
24 question.

25 If we look at the left-hand side, in terms of

1 the trade secrets at issue, what we have done is listed
2 these trade secrets specifically in relation to the
3 disclosure that we provided to the Court last week in
4 response to your request.

5 If you look at the trade secret misappropriation
6 section, and specifically trade secret one, patent
7 technology, treatment parameters, safety and use
8 information, accumulated knowledge, business information,
9 that's grouping. And then you look to the right-hand side,
10 Your Honor, to the AgroFresh testing protocols, you'll see
11 trade secrets 5, 4 and 8 are referenced there.

12 The witnesses that will provide the testimony as
13 to the technology, development, the market development in
14 each of these particular trade secrets that occurred over
15 this period of time comes from those, general data.

16 Mr. Cassidy, who will provide the assumption that I have
17 provided to you and described to you, and Dr. Beaulieu, the
18 current head of research. And what they will do is show
19 that with respect to the legacy costs that are in these two
20 exhibits, these Excel spreadsheets, they will show you that
21 these legacy costs are costs that were incurred to develop
22 these technologies and these trade secrets. Okay. Those
23 two witnesses.

24 THE COURT: The technology and the trade secrets
25 though aren't exactly the same. Right? Technology -- are

1 you saying, you said the technology and the trade secrets.
2 So we have a list of trade secrets that you're asserting.
3 Technologies can be broader than the trade secrets. Right?
4 Not every technology you have was necessarily being asserted
5 as a trade secret?

6 MR. MacGILL: That's correct. Not every
7 technology we have, but the '216 patent technologies are our
8 trade secrets. All of those are our trade secrets.

9 What was done to develop those trade secrets
10 over a 14-year period of time, the precipient witnesses are
11 Chandramouli with respect to the data, and then the linkage
12 between Mr. Cassidy and Dr. Beaulieu that will be provided
13 to say and confirm that these costs with respect, Your
14 Honor, to the trade secrets that we have listed here are
15 related to two components.

16 THE COURT: These costs. What are these costs?
17 Just the big old number he gave you?

18 MR. MacGILL: No.

19 THE COURT: I would like to tie what you are
20 saying their witnesses are going to do with what you want to
21 do with Mr. Kleinrichert. Mr. Kleinrichert has two big
22 numbers here, \$116 million for costs of development of
23 products and actually \$223 million for products utilizing
24 1-MCP and then another 160 for SmartFresh. You're going to
25 put those numbers in front of the jury and then you're going

1 to talk about some of the other things with some of the
2 other folks, and I'm missing the connection here.

3 MR. MacGILL: Okay. Let me see if I can't do
4 better with the description.

5 So if we put it in a logical sequence, witness
6 number one, Mr. Chandramouli, you identified this during
7 your January 18th deposition. What is this? These are
8 Excel spreadsheets showing the costs that have been incurred
9 over time in developing this product, this suite of
10 products.

11 What years are included? Years X through Y,
12 2002 to forward.

13 All right. Next witness. Mr. Cassidy, what is
14 your role with the company?

15 I am the financial officer and had the financial
16 role and accounting role during this period of time.

17 Did you look at these materials?

18 Yes, I have.

19 Now, with respect to the costs that were
20 incurred, can you tell the Court specifically, and the jury,
21 can you answer, were these costs that Mr. Chandramouli
22 provided, do these costs relate to, repeat, relate to the
23 trade secrets at issue listed here, Your Honor?

24 Yes, they do.

25 Tell the Court how they relate to the trade

1 secrets at issue, Mr. Cassidy.

2 Second witness. Ann Beaulieu, Dr. Beaulieu.

3 THE COURT: We don't have the total number yet
4 because we're only on the second witness or third witness
5 now, and Mr. Kleinrichert hasn't testified?

6 MR. MacGILL: Correct. Third witness.

7 THE COURT: So these folks are just talking
8 about them in generalities, not specific costs included?

9 MR. MacGILL: No. Chandramouli first is what
10 we're contemplating.

11 Second, Mr. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy, the Court has
12 received into evidence these legacy costs, presumably.

13 And with respect to these legacy costs, would
14 you tell the Court how these costs that are referenced here
15 relate to the trade secrets at issue? Specifically --

16 THE COURT: Generally the trade secrets or each
17 trade secret specifically?

18 MR. MacGILL: We would go through each one
19 specifically as listed here.

20 Do they relate to the patent technology?

21 Yes.

22 How? Do they relate to the treatment
23 parameters? How? Do they relate to the safety and fire
24 information?

25 Yes.

1 How?

2 And going through that sequence would be what --

3 THE COURT: Are the costs going to be
4 apportioned between the trade secrets or just say, all of
5 these costs in here relate to the trade secret one. All of
6 these costs in here relate to trade secret two.

7 MR. MacGILL: I believe they relate to the trade
8 secrets which resulted in a product. If you look, Your
9 Honor, at these trade secrets, each of them listed here,
10 these trade secrets, were, in our view, appropriated by us
11 and resulted in the TruPick product. You couldn't do
12 TruPick without each and every one of these things.

13 Mr. Cassidy, TruPick was a product. Did TruPick
14 involve each of these trade secrets, the technology, et
15 cetera?

16 Yes.

17 Dr. Beaulieu, head of research. Yes.

18 Mr. Chandramouli has testified as to the Excel
19 spreadsheets with these legacy costs. Have you looked at
20 that series of Excel spreadsheets?

21 Yes.

22 Can you tell the Court and can you explain to
23 the jury, how do these costs relate? Okay. The same series
24 of questions.

25 Then, with respect to Dr. Beaulieu, one further

1 detail, Your Honor, from the standpoint of our proof. We
2 would further ask Dr. Beaulieu the following:

3 Dr. Beaulieu, how do these trade secrets relate
4 to the development of SmartFresh? Dr. Beaulieu, how do
5 these trade secrets specifically, repeat, specifically
6 relate to the development of TruPick?

7 Well, they all relate.

8 Tell the Court how. Tell the Court, tell the
9 jury why.

10 Well, there is no TruPick without the '216
11 technology. There's no TruPick without any of these things.
12 Okay.

13 Continuing with Dr. Beaulieu. So she testifies.
14 There is one other Federal Rule 902(11) submission. There's
15 the custodial affidavit from one of the Dow witnesses that
16 will also connect up some of the same data. Okay. We
17 supplied that to counsel and counsel has that. But with
18 respect to -- counsel for the defendants has that.

19 With respect to that feature, Your Honor, I
20 would add the following foundational note. That with
21 respect to Mr. Chandramouli's data and Mr. Cassidy's
22 testimony, Mr. Beaulieu's testimony, we would add questions
23 to both witnesses, both precipient witnesses.

24 You have this additional data authenticating the
25 Dow legacy cost. Do you have that, Mr. Cassidy?

1 Yes, I do.

2 What are these costs?

3 Okay. These are the costs for this period of
4 time.

5 How do you know? This is what her affidavit
6 says. Fine.

7 With respect to what she provided in her
8 declaration, provided to this Court, how do these costs
9 that she identified and she authenticated relate to trade
10 secret 1 through 7 and these? Same line of testimony.

11 THE COURT: Who is going to do that?

12 MR. MacGILL: Mr. Cassidy and Dr. Beaulieu.

13 THE COURT: Were they there at the time?

14 MR. MacGILL: Well, we have authenticated, we
15 have Mr. Chandramouli saying, these are the costs. We have
16 this Dow witness saying, these are the costs. Then they --
17 and then Mr. Cassidy also has personal knowledge during his
18 tenure.

19 With respect to those legacy costs, those are
20 the foundational elements for their testimony. But with
21 respect to what they then provide, we come to your first
22 question. What does Mr. Kleinrichert do? Okay.

23 I've been in many courtrooms where I've had a
24 lot of data where I've had to submit. Okay. And we could,
25 of course, submit this and say, ladies and gentlemen of

1 the jury, here's the date. You will go back in the jury
2 room. The Judge is going to allow you to have the exhibits.

3 THE COURT: I get it. You want to summarize it
4 and add it up, but I'm not understanding why you need an
5 expert to do that when you have all of these witnesses that
6 are going to say, this is the data. I've been through the
7 data. I've been through the spreadsheets.

8 Usually in a situation you're talking about the
9 expert says, I've summarized the data and I have an opinion
10 that's relevant to the case. Here he says, I added up the
11 data and I don't know how it relates to anything here.
12 Someone else is going to testify about it. How does this
13 particular cost relate to a trade secret? It beats me. I
14 just added the numbers. And that's where I'm getting
15 confused. This doesn't seem like something that is properly
16 the subject of expert testimony other than to have an expert
17 stand there and put a big number in front of the jury
18 whereas these other witnesses could be saying, look, I've
19 looked at this stuff and, you know, they can add. The jury
20 can add.

21 MR. MacGILL: We can have Mr. Cassidy do it. We
22 can have Mr. Beaulieu do it, too, as a 1006 summary. We can
23 do it that way, too. This isn't the first time this has
24 come up. In the Southern District of New York, Your Honor,
25 as you know, had this very issue that came up. This is

1 the case we cited, the Louis Vuitton case, Southern District
2 of New York, 2015, reported at 97 F.Supp. 3d, 485 at page
3 504.

4 Interestingly, Your Honor, the expert for the
5 defense is Mr. -- Ms. Mulhern. Her testimony, she gave
6 testimony of the very same type of testimony that's being
7 proposed here from Mr. Kleinrichert, their expert. Her
8 testimony was moved to be excluded on similar grounds that
9 they say here, and the Court, the Southern District of New
10 York rejected that Daubert challenge to Ms. Mulhern, their
11 expert, and said specifically that compiled and aggregated
12 data is appropriate and it can be presented in a more
13 readily ascertainable format for the jury. Ms. Mulhern's
14 testimony, their expert in a different case, authorized
15 as a summary.

16 So we don't do this in a vacuum, Your Honor, but
17 there's one other point, or two other points we'd like to
18 make quickly. Our Third Circuit here has been very specific
19 about what the standard is for reviewing this type of
20 evidence and we've cited multiple cases to the Court. But
21 the Third Circuit has said repeatedly, at least three cases
22 that we've cited to the Court, where this testimony would be
23 helpful to the jurors. Okay. That's the standard that we
24 believe applies to this particular issue.

25 And with respect to Mr. Kleinrichert, we would

1 submit respectfully that it is no small job to create a
2 summary and that he would be better for purposes of your
3 jury and this Court to be the person summarizing this data
4 and presenting it in a more readily understandable format.
5 That's what the Southern District of New York said.

6 And the third --

7 THE COURT: Does that intent to use
8 Mr. Kleinrichert's costs --

9 MR. MacGILL: I'm sorry. I didn't hear the
10 first part of your question.

11 THE COURT: Do you intend to use
12 Mr. Kleinrichert's compilation of costs to calculate unjust
13 enrichment damages?

14 MR. MacGILL: We do.

15 THE COURT: And are you planning to put a number
16 for unjust enrichment damages in front of the jury?

17 MR. MacGILL: We are.

18 THE COURT: What is that number?

19 MR. MacGILL: The costs of development, we are
20 going to put in the first element of the costs of
21 development, which is what is the cost of developing this
22 process had this been done legitimately. What is the
23 cost --

24 THE COURT: What's the number? What's the
25 number? Trial is in a month. Presumably, this has already

1 been disclosed, so what is the number you're intending to
2 ask the jury?

3 MR. MacGILL: Could we go back to the summary?
4 It would be -- the jury would be able to look at one of two
5 numbers, 160.5 million or 223.5.

6 THE COURT: And where was that disclosed
7 previously? Just here? I mean, he's not going to testify
8 that this is unjust enrichment. He's just going to give a
9 number. Right? Mr. Kleinrichert is not saying, my opinion
10 is that they were, that defendants were unjustly enriched?

11 MR. MacGILL: No. He cannot and he will not.

12 THE COURT: So how is that number -- that
13 number, what? It's just going to be argument in front of
14 the jury? You're going to say Mr. Kleinrichert said it cost
15 this much to develop it and therefore that must be the
16 unjust enrichment that defendants received?

17 MR. MacGILL: No, I don't believe we get to do
18 that. I believe this is completely up to the Court. This
19 Court will decide how this is going to go, and here's why.

20 THE COURT: I need to know what you are
21 proposing so I can decide whether I can decide this motion.

22 MR. MacGILL: What we're proposing is that we
23 follow Third Circuit law that is the leading case in the
24 United States on the topic, and the Third Circuit says to
25 us, the Third Circuit is the leading light, so to speak, of

1 this standard, standard of comparison.

2 What we will ask for specifically, Your Honor,
3 is a jury instruction which follows Third Circuit law and
4 law throughout the United States. And what we're going to
5 ask for in the form of jury instruction, we don't get to
6 speak these words. Only the Court will speak to the jury on
7 this.

8 The Court will decide what the jury instruction
9 is, and what we submit, Your Honor, is the jury instruction
10 that's appropriate here has three elements. The jury
11 instruction will be that you're instructed, ladies and
12 gentlemen of the jury, to make an analysis of whether or not
13 there was unjust enrichment. There are elements for your
14 determination as jurors.

15 Number one, what was the cost of development had
16 it been done properly? If you feel, if you decide there
17 was some inappropriate trade secret appropriation, what
18 would be the cost of developing this appropriately? Element
19 one.

20 Element two. What did the defendants spend?
21 How much did they spend to develop the product? Subtract
22 that. That's element two.

23 Number one, our number, 160, or 223.

24 Number two, their deduction for costs of
25 development.

1 Number three, net element. It will be their
2 discretion, your instruction, their discretion.

3 THE COURT: And how does the fact that they
4 aren't doing anything and haven't been on the market with
5 anything for more than a year and sold only a limited
6 quantity fit into that?

7 MR. MacGILL: Excuse me one second. It's a very
8 important question. This is law that has been around here,
9 Judge, for 70 years. What our Courts have decided, Third
10 Circuit leading decision, is that an appropriator of trade
11 secrets, a misappropriator of trade secrets must not just
12 answer in lost profits to the --

13 THE COURT: I get it. I know the law on unjust
14 enrichment, but typically it would be, you know, that they
15 are being enriched because they are selling this product and
16 making money for it because they used trade secrets. But
17 they were only on the market for a very short period of
18 time. They have not been on the market for I think more
19 than a year now. So I'm just trying to figure out, does
20 that fit into this analysis at all, or you just say, that
21 500,000 or \$700,000 they made, they were unjustly enriched
22 by \$219 million?

23 MR. MacGILL: I can tell you we can go circuit
24 by circuit. We cited on brief the Ninth Circuit, the Tenth
25 Circuit, the Eleventh Circuit of examples of exactly why the

1 Court's instruction should be as we've indicated.

2 Here's what the Tenth Circuit said -- I'm sorry,
3 the Ninth Circuit in the Bornes case that we cited. It
4 affirms the calculation of \$9 million when the defendants
5 saved "at least three years of development by its torts
6 and plaintiff's yearly development cost of 3 million was
7 found to be appropriate." The Eleventh Circuit, similar
8 language.

9 THE COURT: Were those people all on the market
10 at the time or not?

11 MR. MacGILL: I think there's a -- there are
12 some cases that are and some cases that are not.

13 THE COURT: Can you tell me the ones that
14 they're not? That's what I want to focus on right now.

15 MR. MacGILL: I will have to triple-check --
16 double-check this, but I believe that the Bornes case, the
17 Salisbury case, and the Telex case were examples of where
18 they were on the market. I will have to double-check that,
19 but I think those are three examples where they were on the
20 market.

21 THE COURT: They were?

22 MR. MacGILL: Were.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. MacGILL: Now --

25 THE COURT: I'm just trying to understand if

1 there's any effect on all of this where they're not on the
2 market.

3 MR. MacGILL: Okay. Yes.

4 And if I may answer one more specific. Judge
5 Robinson listened to this case before, but for Judge
6 Robinson, they would still be on the market. Okay. We
7 stopped them, and we stopped --

8 THE COURT: I understand. I'm just trying --
9 I'm just trying to understand the fact that they're not on
10 the market. Maybe you're telling me it means absolutely
11 nothing under the facts of this case, but that's my
12 question. Does that play into it at all, the unjust
13 enrichment, you know, because typically, unjust enrichment
14 is that they benefited to a certain extent because of using
15 the trade secrets. And my question is: Does it matter if
16 their benefit was for a limited period of time and they are
17 not currently receiving any benefit?

18 MR. MacGILL: No, and decisively no for these
19 reasons. Our courts have wrestled with this across the
20 country and our courts have said consistently at the
21 district court level and at the circuit level, they've said,
22 this is an appropriate measure of damages, and it includes
23 cost of development that you avoided. That's unjust
24 enrichment.

25 And specifically, with respect to unjust

1 enrichment, what they're saying is that a misappropriator
2 should not get the benefit of avoiding a cost of
3 development, and that for purposes of definition here is
4 unjust enrichment.

5 Now, one other piece of this that's extremely
6 important. The damages that are available to the plaintiff
7 here, depending on -- well, this Court will tell us what
8 damages are available, of course, but the law says that
9 there is a -- there are two elements of damages that may be
10 recovered by the plaintiff in our circumstances.

11 One, we can get the costs of development, so
12 we say, according to the authorities that we have given
13 you.

14 And, number two, we get lost profits from their
15 participation in the market. Okay.

16 They did participate in the market, Your Honor,
17 in this case, so with respect to our profits and what is
18 involved here, those are the two elements of damages that we
19 would ask the Court to review and make decisions on in terms
20 of instructing this jury at the end of the day.

21 Now, what's important about that? We asked
22 their expert, Ms. Mulhern, from Analysis Group, we asked her
23 specifically, Your Honor, is there any overlap in this case
24 between our lost profits due to price erosion and the cost
25 of development damages? Her answer: No, there is no

1 overlap.

2 So with respect to those conceptions and these
3 details specifically, that is the -- that's the reality that
4 we have.

5 Now --

6 THE COURT: So here's what I would like you to
7 do since you're telling me I'm going to have to make some
8 decision on -- we got kind of far away from the Daubert, but
9 now you are telling me I'm going to have to make some kind
10 of decision on the jury instructions on this issue.

11 I would like you to submit to me cases in which
12 these damages are appropriate, you know, essentially all of
13 the development costs are appropriate fair game when the
14 defendant is not on the market or was only on the market for
15 a limited period of time.

16 MR. MacGILL: Certainly. Could I adjust one
17 sentence here? You asked me a question a few minutes ago.
18 Mr. Ciulla handed me a case, the Telex case, which I did
19 mention. It's the Tenth Circuit case. In that case, the
20 product was not complete. The product specifically -- this
21 was a theft that was proven by IBM against the defendant
22 there, and they found that they did not complete the
23 particular project.

24 And in the words of the Tenth Circuit,
25 nevertheless, the trial court was of the view that Telex had

1 saved itself 10 million in development costs and that it
2 was unjustly enriched in that amount. Tenth Circuit. We
3 agree.

4 THE COURT: I get it.

5 MR. MacGILL: Okay. Enough said.

6 THE COURT: So that's one. That's a good
7 example. I was just -- you know, any others that you have?
8 There's a very big difference between \$10 million and
9 possibly 390, 380.

10 MR. MacGILL: May I add one detail that we think
11 is very important? If I could go to the slide on the
12 \$100 million. The entire predicate for what these folks did
13 at UPL is this. In 2016, they acknowledged themselves, Your
14 Honor, that -- and here they congratulate one another on
15 having misappropriated our materials, and here's what they
16 say. This is an e-mail from Mr. Girin, the CEO at America.

17 He writes, and specifically he's writing the
18 Chief Operating Officer Worldwide of UPL. You heard this
19 morning as we started, the chief operating worldwide of UPL
20 is here in our courtroom today, the man who replaced
21 Mr. Karthik. Okay. This is the highest level of UPL, one
22 of the defendants.

23 Here is what he said to the COO. Market
24 assessment, 2015, global 1-MCP sales estimated at
25 \$200 million, mostly apples. And then he continues for what

1 we wanted to share with you this morning. Twenty-plus years
2 of efforts by AgroFresh, ex-Dow, Rohm & Haas, and greater
3 than 100 million, greater than 100 million invested to
4 develop novel storage/ethylene ripening control. Private
5 equity acquisition of over 800 million in mid-2015. Key
6 patents expire after 2019.

7 Judge, in 2016, your defendant, UPL, is
8 acknowledging at the highest levels that we spent over
9 \$100 million.

10 THE COURT: I get it. I get it. I've read the
11 documents and you're making an argument to the jury here.
12 I'm not making the decision here. I just want to understand
13 for the Daubert issues and how as a legal matter what you
14 intend to show as damages, where it was disclosed
15 previously. And I'm trying to figure out, since you say I
16 have to instruct the jury on what they are doing, whether
17 it's appropriate under the circumstances here.

18 MR. MacGILL: All right. On the disclosure
19 point that you raised, if I may go to that slide.

20 In 2016, Your Honor, again --

21 THE COURT: Is there any place that you
22 disclosed, we are going to be seeking unjust enrichment
23 damages of X?

24 MR. MacGILL: Yes. Repeatedly.

25 THE COURT: Where?

1 MR. MacGILL: All right. Let's go to --

2 THE COURT: Of X. I've seen in the
3 interrogatories where it says, and will calculate that in
4 expert testimony, but where is it that you said, here's my
5 calculation?

6 MR. MacGILL: Okay. In terms of the disclosures
7 that were given, in terms of the costs of development
8 disclosures, they're here.

9 And the Court can see --

10 THE COURT: Where is the number? Did you ever
11 give them a number so that until you just said today we're
12 going to say to the jury either this one or this one or
13 something, do they know the number? I just want to make
14 sure their expert is not just making stuff up the night
15 before he testifies because they don't know what's coming.

16 MR. MacGILL: Repeatedly.

17 THE COURT: Where?

18 MR. MacGILL: Repeatedly.

19 THE COURT: Where?

20 MR. MacGILL: Let me use one example. The head
21 of our sales organization on the West Coast, Mr. Harker,
22 Mr. Scott Harker, was deposed on December 6th, 2018. And if
23 we could go, as referenced here, where he testifies
24 specifically, and this is his testimony, and I believe all
25 the lawyers, most all of the lawyers who are here were

1 there. Mr. Ivey was there. I think Mr. Williamson was in
2 by phone, and there were some others as well.

3 He was questioned aggressively about how much
4 did you spend historically on developing this product? How
5 much did you spend?

6 Mr. Harker testified, AgroFresh did hundreds of
7 millions of dollars worth of research to understand what
8 1-MCP did to apples in the storage room. That's our
9 technology. We did thousands and thousands of trials with
10 each new variety of apples that was coming out. Okay.

11 With respect to the legacy costs of development
12 that occurred, we then had a variety of exchanges with
13 counsel. Give us more detail. What else do you have?

14 THE COURT: I'm just asking as a matter of
15 litigation, where did you, the plaintiff, tell the
16 defendant, this is what we are going -- here's a number we
17 are going to ask the jury for. Usually, you have an expert
18 who says, my opinion, this is the appropriate measure of
19 damages. I'm just trying to figure out, where did you do
20 this? Saying we spent over \$100 million isn't exactly
21 telling them, by the way, here's our damages. Right?

22 MR. MacGILL: Right.

23 THE COURT: So where did you tell them, this is
24 the number I'm seeking in damages?

25 MR. MM<okay. They knew it was 100 million. We

1 told them again in detail. They knew all of this going in.
2 Mr. Harker was questioned aggressively about this.

3 THE COURT: So you didn't give them a number.

4 MR. MacGILL: We did.

5 THE COURT: Where? Where did you give them? I
6 want the number that you are going to put in front of the
7 jury. Where did you give it to them?

8 MR. MacGILL: December 12th, 2018.

9 THE COURT: Where?

10 MR. MacGILL: Okay. The exchanges that we had
11 between counsel, what else do you have? December 12th,
12 2018. We produced the legacy AgroFresh development records
13 from the Dow computer system. It was a third-party
14 production. It took time to get it. What are we referring
15 to? Right here. These Excel spreadsheets. So that was the
16 disclosure that we made.

17 And then with respect to the continued
18 questioning, December 18, Mr. Cassidy from AgroFresh, who we
19 talked about previously, Your Honor, was questioned
20 aggressively about costs of development and his trade secret
21 information. The level of detail in that deposition was
22 extraordinary. What did you do? What studies? How much
23 cost? How many man hours? Those kinds of details were
24 elicited specifically from his testimony on December 18th,
25 2018, the same day, Your Honor. If I may, the same day.

1 While the lawyers from Finnegan are questioning Mr. Cassidy,
2 I'm questioning their CEO and he comes forward with the
3 costs of development they want to have in element two of the
4 formula that you will decide upon.

5 What was their cost of development? And what he
6 says is, their cost of development was approximately
7 \$4 million. So they prepared not only to respond to us, but
8 to inform the second element of the calculation on
9 December 18th, 2018.

10 THE COURT: Did they ask you a contention
11 interrogatory on what you were asking for number in
12 damages?

13 MR. MacGILL: I'm reading right now, Your Honor,
14 specifically. On December 20th -- on December 19th, we
15 explained to them how we were going to go about calculating
16 damages and the types of damages and what was included in
17 the costs of development, and we indicated to them --

18 THE COURT: Did they ask you a contention
19 interrogatory on damages?

20 MR. MacGILL: Not that I recall. And with
21 respect to what we did do, Your Honor, is we explained to
22 them there was expert discovery that was going to be coming
23 forward. With respect to the expert discovery that was
24 coming forward, we did exactly what Mr. Kleinrichert has
25 done, is to summarize the details of the costs that were

1 already provided on December 12th through the third-party
2 discovery to Dow, through the December 18th communications
3 with testimony of Mr. Cassidy, and the December 18th
4 testimony from the CEO of America.

5 Now, one item that's important, you may find
6 important. On December 11th, Mr. Karthik, who is the chief
7 operating officer worldwide, the former chief operating
8 officer worldwide of UPL, I asked him about costs of
9 development, and specifically he testifies as to their cost
10 of development of this product, and he testified that it's
11 approximately \$600,000 to inform the second element of a
12 cost, or a method of comparison calculation. So that was
13 his testimony.

14 And then on December 10th, Mr. Ivey, I believe
15 it was, in discussions we had with Judge Fallon, referenced
16 cost of development. This is four days after Mr. Harker
17 testified.

18 THE COURT: Did you give them the number for
19 lost profits damages?

20 MR. MacGILL: We did.

21 THE COURT: So why didn't you give them a number
22 for unjust enrichment?

23 MR. MacGILL: We did.

24 THE COURT: You've given me paragraphs here that
25 never have a number in them. So what I'm trying to figure

1 out is, what's the number for lost profits damages?

2 MR. MacGILL: All right. Could we go --

3 THE COURT: And where did you disclose that?

4 MR. MacGILL: FTI. We have two experts from
5 FTI.

6 THE COURT: And no one from FTI gave an opinion
7 on unjust enrichment damages. Right?

8 MR. MacGILL: They gave a summary of these costs
9 of development, a summary of what we produced, Your Honor,
10 on December 12th in the legacy costs of development that
11 were provided on a third-party basis from the Dow computer
12 system.

13 THE COURT: Right. But for lost profits
14 damages, you didn't just produce your financial reporting
15 and say, hey, defendant, go figure out what our profits were
16 and we lost them. Right? You have an opinion from an
17 expert?

18 MR. MacGILL: We do.

19 THE COURT: Here, you don't have an opinion from
20 an expert. Right? You just have the documents on general,
21 overall costs for the development of 1-MCP and for
22 SmartFresh, and then you want the jury to come up with a
23 number based on jury instructions. Is that my
24 understanding?

25 MR. MacGILL: We look at it a little

1 differently. We say that the data specifically to support
2 the financial, the costs of development, element one of the
3 comparison method, is right here in this exhibit. That is
4 the data, and from that data we have prepared a summary of
5 Mr. Kleinrichert. A summary of that data will be helpful to
6 the jury and assist them in understanding this. They can
7 cross-examine, and they will. You did this and that?
8 That's not a good summary. We're not hearing that.

9 THE COURT: Well, we are kind of hearing that in
10 that it's not relevant to some of the issues before us
11 because there are things included in there that nobody can
12 explain why they are included.

13 MR. MacGILL: Mr. Cassidy can. Dr. Beaulieu
14 will, and that's the cross-examination for them. In other
15 words, Mr. Cassidy, you say that this is related to the
16 trade secrets. Tell me. Okay. I will.

17 Dr. Beaulieu, you are a doctor in this field.
18 Tell us how this is related to those trade secrets. Tell
19 me. Those are the cross-examinations pertaining to what's
20 in here and what it means. Okay?

21 Let's go back to your lost profits question for
22 a second. The expert disclosures were required in the
23 January period of time and after pursuant to a court order.
24 We gave a lost profits calculation that you asked about for
25 Mr. Vince Thomas. Mr. Thomas provided an opinion distinct

1 from Mr. Kleinrichert, who summarized --

2 THE COURT: I get it.

3 MR. MacGILL: Okay.

4 THE COURT: I understand you have an opinion
5 on one. You don't have an opinion on the other. And I get
6 it.

7 MR. MacGILL: Okay. So I'm just answering your
8 question, if I may.

9 THE COURT: You're not really answering my
10 question, which is why I'm frustrated, but go ahead and say
11 whatever you want to say.

12 MR. MacGILL: Mr. Thomas provided an opinion
13 that was provided pursuant to the disclosures of the Court,
14 disclosures required by the Court, and he gave that, Your
15 Honor, he gave that opinion and provided the lost profit
16 that has been occasioned by their entry into the market
17 unlawfully, in our view. So that's the lost profit.

18 And the summary for Mr. Kleinrichert of what is
19 here is what we have described. But that is the data, and I
20 think it's important to focus on your question for obvious
21 reasons. What is the data that supports this? It's this
22 and it's that 900211 declaration from the legacy Dow
23 employee. That is the data. Who is going to affirm its
24 relevance? The witnesses we've described through their
25 testimony.

1 And with respect to Mr. Kleinrichert, those
2 predicates to his testimony are all subject to the Court's
3 rulings and decisions as we go through the lawsuit and
4 through the trial. But that is the testimony that would
5 come forward on these topics. It's also possible that Dr.
6 Zettler, the prior research and development head, might also
7 give testimony tying up a portion of this, although we don't
8 foresee that as necessary today. It could be. He's a
9 former employee and now retired.

10 But that, Your Honor, is a summary of where we
11 are in terms of the offer of this. And we understand the
12 additional filing that you have asked for, but the existing
13 rationales for confirming that unjust enrichment is measured
14 in this distinct context legally as an avoided cost of
15 development, we'll put further briefing out there for you in
16 relation to your questions.

17 THE COURT: Yes. I don't want further briefing.
18 I just want you to submit to me a couple of questions that I
19 can read that answer my question.

20 MR. MacGILL: Okay. We will do so.

21 And then finally, Your Honor, I would just
22 harken back to just two or three quick things in terms of
23 the perspective of how do we have an efficient and
24 appropriate trial.

25 THE COURT: Yes. You know what, I just want to

1 make clear, you're at about 45 minutes, so you might want to
2 just save some time for the summary judgment.

3 MR. MacGILL: That I will do, Your Honor. Thank
4 you.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Williamson, if you want to
6 address any of those points, you may. I guess I would like
7 to know, is there a disclosure from the plaintiff as to what
8 is going to be sought in terms of unjust enrichment?

9 MR. WILLIAMSON: No, there's not, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Is there a contention interrogatory
11 on damages?

12 MR. WILLIAMSON: We did a number of things. We
13 asked a contention interrogatory on damages. That's DI 490,
14 Exhibit 11 in this case. That contention interrogatory on
15 damages was ignored for the entire course of discovery. It
16 says, describe fully the method by which AgroFresh contends
17 the amount of alleged damages in this case should be
18 calculated, including a description of each damages theory
19 that AgroFresh alleges should be used in a damages
20 calculation, the specific factors that AgroFresh alleges
21 should be used under each such damages theory, the amount of
22 damages resulting from the calculation under each damages
23 theory. Identify any documents, identify witnesses.

24 They ignored that interrogatory answer for the
25 entirety of discovery. On the last day of discovery, the

1 day before the last day of discovery --

2 THE COURT: Is that December 20th?

3 MR. WILLIAMSON: That's December 18th.

4 Discovery closed on the 19th. On December 18th, we put this
5 interrogatory answer, their non-answer to number 9, our
6 interrogatory number 9 in front of their 30(b)(6) witness,
7 Mr. Cassidy, on cost and damages, and we asked him: Do you
8 have anything more to add to what is shown here, which is a
9 complete non-answer? And he said no.

10 The very next day, Your Honor, which is the last
11 day of discovery, we get a supplemental answer that claims,
12 we are seeking \$250 million in damages and does not give us
13 any theories whatsoever.

14 So this standard of comparison theory that you
15 are hearing about now, which I would like to address, was
16 never disclosed to us at any point ever, Your Honor.

17 So it's not just that it wasn't disclosed in an
18 interrogatory answer. There are initial disclosure
19 obligations under Rule 26 that require this disclosure to be
20 made. Damages disclosures are built into the Federal Rules.
21 We asked -- the cross-examinations that Mr. -- that
22 Mr. MacGill is talking about, we asked those
23 cross-examinations, Your Honor.

24 With your indulgence, I would like to show you
25 some of the testimony that these witnesses have already

1 given as corporate representatives as to the connection
2 between the costs and the trade secrets that they are
3 asserting in this case.

4 We went after that. Despite not knowing their
5 theories, we went after that anyway, and they've already
6 testified about all of this. They have disclosed complete
7 ignorance to being able to address the trade secrets and the
8 connection between the trade secrets and the costs.
9 Chandramouli, Cassidy and Beaulieu, all of them. So this
10 has been dealt with in discovery. What we're talking about
11 now is reinventing this entire case now with a theory we've
12 never heard of before. Their expert doesn't come in. They
13 have no expert on damages and unjust enrichment, which is
14 highly, highly unconventional.

15 The idea that we would just throw all of this
16 is -- enormous number. These spreadsheets, we can take a
17 look, Mr Lee, maybe quickly. Just pop one up. And I should
18 mention, Your Honor, there are a number of corporate
19 representatives in the room today. We've agreed, and
20 counsel has accommodated, that we won't be shuffling in and
21 out because we're just going to be touching on some things
22 very briefly here even though they're designated under the
23 protective order. That has been agreed upon?

24 MR. MacGILL: Agreed.

25 MR. WILLIAMSON: Okay. So if we could just pop

1 up quickly, Mr Lee, your reference No. 19, which is one of
2 these spreadsheets that we're talking about.

3 On the second page you can see, this is a 15,000
4 line spreadsheet, line items of costs, and they are obscure.
5 They are things like other expenses, \$950,000. No one can
6 link these. No one has tried to link these to the trade
7 secrets at issue. What they want to do is throw all of this
8 before the jury and have some hand-waving-type testimony
9 that our development of our company is in the hundreds of
10 millions of dollars. We did lots of studies, but nobody is
11 actually going to explain, okay. Line item number 14953,
12 that actually, that actually is an R&D cost that goes to an
13 experiment we did and then made public in one of our
14 hundreds of patents. And so that's not part of this case.
15 That's irrelevant. By definition, it can't be a cost that
16 we avoided because of the misappropriation. Nobody is going
17 to do that. Nobody can do that. We've already been through
18 all of that with the fact witnesses.

19 So the theories have not been disclosed. The
20 methodologies have not been disclosed, not in 30(b)(6)'s,
21 not in interrogatory answers, not in their initial
22 disclosures. We have asked, we have asked repeatedly. We
23 were before Magistrate Judge Fallon on a number of these
24 issues over and over again on their fair disclosures of
25 their damages case. What they're actually proposing to do

1 at trial, Your Honor, will contravene Judge Fallon's express
2 orders in this case. And, in particular, this trilogy of
3 witnesses here that we're going to have Mr. Chandramouli
4 come in and then Mr. Cassidy come in and Ms. Beaulieu come
5 in, that is expressly in contravention of the magistrate
6 judge's orders. It's a tactic that they've employed. What
7 they've decided to do is not disclose the actual witness who
8 is going to stand behind an opinion for unjust enrichment.
9 The statute in this case, both the state and federal trade
10 secret statutes, require that any avoided development costs,
11 any unjust enrichment -- I'm sorry, any unjust enrichment be
12 caused by the misappropriation. And what that means is, if
13 they're going to use their costs as a proxy for costs that
14 we have allegedly avoided, they have to be costs that are
15 connected directly to their trade secrets, not something
16 else.

17 And what would happen in discovery, Your Honor,
18 is, we would take a deposition on a key witness and whether
19 it be a trade secret issue or fact issue, and after the
20 deposition was closed, what would happen is, AgroFresh would
21 file a supplemental Rule 26(a) statement identifying a
22 witness identifying subject matter that we just covered. We
23 brought this practice to Magistrate Judge Fallon's
24 attention.

25 And if we could go to Reference 5.5, please,

1 this is a December 10th, 2018 transcript. We'll look,
2 please, at page 66, 7 to 15. We actually moved to preclude
3 the witnesses, Your Honor, these late disclosed witnesses
4 who kept popping up in new Rule 26 statements.

5 And the Judge said she's not going to exclude
6 the witnesses, but we're at lines 7 to 15. What she says
7 is, she's going to order on line 10 that the limited
8 relief -- I'm sorry, on line 12. She's going to order to
9 grant proper disclosures within a week of today's date.
10 She's not going to exclude the witnesses. She's going to
11 give us depositions, but a proper disclosure under Rule
12 26(a)(1). And towards the end of the page on 22, line 22 to
13 24, she specifically called out, because this is the problem
14 we were having, the subject of that information. That the
15 disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses.
16 That has to be used to support the court order.

17 On the next page, to put a fine line on it, page
18 67, lines 1 to 5, that's the operative language of the rule
19 she's focusing on, the subject of the information. A proper
20 disclosure of the subject of the information that these
21 witnesses possess.

22 So AgroFresh goes ahead and files the amended
23 Rule 26 statement that is supposed to give us the roadmap
24 that we were supposed to have at the beginning of discovery,
25 and that is, if we could go to Reference 6, please, Mr Lee.

1 And here we are. If we go to page 4, Item 1, they disclose
2 Mr. Cassidy has, and the third line down, has information
3 concerning the cost of development, information concerning
4 the cost of development.

5 Page 7, item 24, they disclose Mr. Chandramouli.
6 Item 24. May have discoverable information concerning the
7 cost of developing AgroFresh's 1-MCP technology.

8 After the court order, those are the only two
9 witnesses they disclose. Dr. Beaulieu is not in this
10 disclosure. Dr. Beaulieu gave us, Your Honor may recall, a
11 Rule 26(c) employee expert report as a rebuttal with no
12 opening expert report on trade secrets, as a rebuttal to our
13 report on trade secrets. And Dr. Beaulieu's report goes
14 into the technical nature of the trade secrets. It does not
15 go into costs of development. She was not disclosed as a
16 witness on costs of development.

17 And we deposed both of these Court ordered and
18 disclosed witnesses already. These witnesses who are
19 supposed to be coming to trial and filling all the gaps and
20 doing a calculation, and really doing a calculation is what
21 we're talking about. Some witness is going to connect these
22 tens of thousands of line items for every year to the
23 specific trade secrets and then do some sort of calculation,
24 which we have not seen, ever, and have never seen and don't
25 even know what it is.

Mr. Chandramouli for his part, Reference 8,
please, Mr Lee. This is Chandramouli's deposition testimony
on the very point that Mr. MacGill was suggesting Mr.
Chandramouli would testify to at trial.

We asked him: Do you have any knowledge of the trade secrets that AgroFresh is claiming in this case?

Remember, he is the one who has been identified to us, the cost of AgroFresh's development, and it has to be for the trade secrets. It can't be something else. That's the whole point. The point of our motion is, relevance here is defined by the trade secrets, which is a separate issue as to what that means given their trade secret disclosures, but we know the law requires that the relevance for an unjust enrichment claim has to be defined by the trade secrets.

He professes ignorance about any of the trade secrets. He doesn't have knowledge about the trade secrets. He has no knowledge of the cost of development of any trade secrets that AgroFresh is claiming in this case. That's the person they want to bring in to fill in this gap, to plug the hole they have on foundational relevance, which is entirely improper.

We took him through nevertheless each and every trade secret, so one by one. Categorically, he has denied it. We went through belt and suspenders.

1 If we could turn to page 128, lines 5 through
2 16. We took him through each and every trade secret. An
3 example would be Decco 72503. This is with the trade secret
4 in hand and the witness in the chair, Your Honor, were going
5 to walk through the trade secrets.

6 We could take a look at Decco 72503 quickly, Mr
7 Lee, if you would. This is a disclosure that AgroFresh
8 included in its trade secret disclosure. They're alleging
9 that this data, this data right here has been
10 misappropriated. So we get right down to the details. If
11 we could go back to the deposition testimony, please.

12 We asked him, for this trade secret, can you
13 tell me what their specific costs of development are? And
14 the answer is, no, he does not know it, and he doesn't know
15 any document. This is the guy who is bringing the documents
16 now into trial. He doesn't know of any document that can
17 show us that. We got the same answer for every trade secret
18 as well as categorical denial.

19 So what we're talking about is a witness, his
20 subject matter and his presence and his testimony in this
21 case was ordered by Judge Fallon. We took his deposition
22 and this is what we got. He should not be permitted to
23 come in here at trial and give some sort of different
24 testimony, some sort of different calculation we've never
25 even seen.

1 So --

2 THE COURT: I'm assuming this is part of a
3 motion in limine that yet hasn't been brought, because I
4 don't think it's right in front of me at this moment.
5 Right?

6 MR. WILLIAMSON: We are objecting to Mr.
7 Chandramouli as a witness to do this, yes, as part of our
8 pretrial. We will.

9 THE COURT: I understand you're dealing with it
10 now because that's what the plaintiff said they were going
11 to do to bolster the Kleinrichert testimony. I understand
12 that.

13 MR. WILLIAMSON: Exactly.

14 THE COURT: You don't have to get into too much
15 detail on this because I'm assuming it will come later.

16 MR. WILLIAMSON: Exactly, Your Honor. The point
17 here is, our Daubert motion on Mr. Kleinrichert is focused
18 on relevance, and really, that he is -- almost two things.
19 He's a conduit of information. He's a conduit of what they
20 are calling business records. We also think those are
21 inadmissible for a whole host of reasons. Again, we don't
22 need to get into that now. But he's a conduit of
23 information and he's a conduit of irrelevant information.
24 That's the point for today.

25 What they are saying in response to that is,

1 well, we can go back and they recognize that they have a
2 foundational relevance problem because just throwing a huge
3 number in front of a jury is prejudicial, it has got all
4 kinds of problems associated with it under Federal Circuit
5 law in terms of skewing the damages horizon, and the Unilock
6 case. It's prejudicial under Rule 403. It has all sorts of
7 problems. They know that what they are supposed to have
8 done is link their costs under the statute. Unjust
9 enrichment has to be caused by the misappropriation.
10 Avoided development costs cannot be costs for an entire
11 company. They cannot be costs to develop patents that are
12 made public.

13 Importantly, Your Honor, they cannot be costs
14 associated with trade secrets that they have explicitly
15 withdrawn from the case. They know they have this
16 foundational relevance problem, and that's why we're
17 addressing Chandramouli now, because they are coming back
18 and saying, we can fix that at trial in real-time. Don't
19 worry about it, Your Honor. They will all see what happens
20 here, the calculation, the methodology, the answers to
21 interrogatories we should have gotten long ago. They'll see
22 that all in real-time at trial and Mr. Chandramouli will be
23 right out in front of it. But as it turns out, that can't
24 happen in terms of the relevance foundation for
25 Kleinrichert. This is a preview, sure, of a different

1 issue, but nevertheless, for Kleinrichert, as the relevance
2 foundation, this should not be permitted given what he has
3 testified to already.

4 The same thing applies even with more force with
5 Mr. Cassidy, Your Honor. And if we could, if the Court
6 wishes to --

7 THE COURT: I understand.

8 MR. WILLIAMSON: I will summarize. We went
9 through the trade secret disclosure one by one and what he
10 told us was, sure, we could take these costs for this trade
11 secret. We could trace it back through our ledgers. I
12 would have to go and talk with our head of R&D, have to
13 figure out what tests we did. I will have to go back to the
14 general ledgers and offline R&D statements. We could trace
15 it all the way back and we could give you a number
16 associated with just that data for each of the trade
17 secrets. That is his testimony. Have you done it? No, I
18 have not done it. I have not done it. And it's based on
19 unproduced information. Offline R&D budgets and ledgers
20 that we don't have. They didn't go back and fill that in.

21 In an interrogatory answer -- we have an
22 interrogatory answer number 10 on costs, Your Honor. We
23 moved to compel twice on that interrogatory answer and Judge
24 Fallon granted our motion to compel twice on that
25 interrogatory answer. They did not go back and say,

1 okay. We're going to go ahead and tell you what the costs
2 are for the trade secrets. They've never done that. In
3 fact, today, what that interrogatory answer says is, see
4 Rule 33(d). If you would like information on costs, search
5 our document production for the word, quote unquote, "cost."
6 It yields over -- there are different ways to search, but
7 it yields around or over 10,000 results of which this
8 handful of spreadsheets that now they say are central to
9 their case are buried in there, buried in there among 10,000
10 documents.

11 So they never called out the data to us. The
12 witnesses, who they were compelled to give us, -- the
13 witnesses they were compelled to give us didn't know
14 anything about the trade secrets or the costs of developing
15 the trade secrets. This entire argument that the
16 foundational problem, which they recognized, the
17 foundational problem for Mr. Kleinrichert can be somehow
18 fixed on the fly at trial? That just, against this record,
19 Your Honor, should not work, against this record.

20 And I do appreciate much of this is a forecast
21 of arguments to come on evidentiary issues as part of the
22 pretrial, but, nevertheless, we have what we believe to be
23 very strong corporate testimony that they should not be able
24 to deviate from on these very points.

25 Your Honor, I did want to address generally this

1 jury instruction and the Third Circuit's --

2 THE COURT: Yes. We're not going to deal with
3 that right now.

4 MR. WILLIAMSON: If I may just briefly note the
5 standard of comparison, what has been disclosed, a Third
6 Circuit case, the standard of comparison does not involve
7 the plaintiff's costs at all. It does not involve the
8 plaintiff's costs at all. The International Industries
9 versus Petroleum --

10 THE COURT: Yes. I got it. I said we could
11 deal with it later.

12 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor. Can I
13 address any other specific --

14 THE COURT: No.

15 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 MR. MacGILL: Just very briefly Your Honor.
17 Returning to the sequence of the litigated events here, if
18 we could go back to costs of development slide.

19 Judge Fallon, as Mr. Williamson just reviewed,
20 Judge Fallon, the costs of development issue was litigated
21 and it was expressly before your Magistrate Judge.

22 On December 10th, Mr. Ivey referenced
23 specifically the cost of development in his argument with
24 Judge Fallon. You've now seen and heard in the courtroom
25 here what Judge Fallon ruled and how this was going to go

1 forward on the subject of a, one, an initial disclosure.
2 Counsel just reviewed that with you.

3 Two, we filed a supplemental interrogatory on
4 December 19th, 2019 -- I'm sorry, '18, consistent, Your
5 Honor, with what Judge Fallon directed. And we indicated
6 that the methods, in that interrogatory pursuant to the
7 litigated result, the methods of calculating damages and the
8 times of damages included, in pertinent part, the cost of
9 development the defendants avoided by misappropriating
10 AgroFresh's technology in an amount to be determined by
11 expert testimony.

12 Seven days prior after this December 10th
13 litigated result, we got the third party documents from Dow,
14 and they were produced on December 12th, 2018, as you can
15 see.

16 Now, two other quick points. You saw reference
17 to Mr. Chandramouli about the AgroFresh, to repeat,
18 AgroFresh costs of development. Mr. Chandramouli knows
19 about the Dow cost of development. That's his testimony.
20 The AgroFresh, we acquired the company and the technology
21 and the rights in 2015. Cost of development for that
22 period, 15 to time today or slightly before today, is
23 Cassidy. Cassidy is going to confirm those details.

24 Now, one other thing, and I didn't have the
25 answer when you asked me the question when I stood up

1 initially. Did you ever disclose the cost of development
2 number? And I didn't have an answer.

3 THE COURT: No. I asked if you disclosed the
4 unjust enrichment number that you're going to be seeking at
5 trial.

6 MR. MacGILL: Fair correction, of course.
7 250 million. On December 19th, 2018, after this litigated
8 result that you just referred to, Judge Fallon told us --

9 THE COURT: Is that the total damages you're
10 seeking or just unjust enrichment, that 250 million?

11 MR. MacGILL: Defendants avoided by
12 misappropriating AgroFresh's technology in an amount to be
13 determined by the expert testimony and we referenced the
14 \$250 million number.

15 THE COURT: Read me the whole sentence there
16 without you saying that we referenced it.

17 MR. MacGILL: Okay.

18 THE COURT: Tell me what it says.

19 MR. MacGILL: Yes. And these, Your Honor, are
20 the interrogatories of December 19th. The supplemental
21 answer as directed as a result, as a result of this process
22 that you now heard about.

23 Supplemental answer. The entirety is as
24 follows: By further response, by way of further response,
25 AgroFresh incorporates by reference its responses to Decco

1 Interrogatories 2, 5 through 8 and 10 through 12, and
2 initial disclosures (along with the supplementation of both
3 the interrogatories and the initial disclosures).

4 Continuing with the quotation, Your Honor, the
5 methods of calculating damages and the type of damages
6 include compensatory damages, punitive and exemplary
7 damages, treble damages, attorney's fees and costs,
8 reasonable royalty damages, lost profits, including lost
9 profits due to price erosion, diminution in enterprise value
10 and the cost of development that defendants avoided by
11 misappropriating AgroFresh's technology in an amount to be
12 determined by expert testimony. Persons with knowledge of
13 the damages, of the damage includes Scott Harker, Alice
14 stare hill and John Cassidy.

15 AgroFresh incorporates by reference the
16 deposition testimony given by these witnesses. In addition,
17 any, almost any person at AgroFresh at the postharvest or in
18 the postharvest industry including customers likely are
19 aware of the immense damage to AgroFresh caused by the Decco
20 defendants.

21 Continuing, Your Honor. The amount of damages
22 to AgroFresh from Decco defendants' wrongdoing is in excess
23 of \$250 million, which will be confirmed through expert
24 testimony.

25 Then, Your Honor, with respect to the opinion,

1 price erosion, that came pursuant to the expert disclosure
2 in the amount that we discussed generally, around 14, 12
3 million, \$14 million with interest. And then the data here,
4 the data from Cassidy and the data from the Dow employee
5 that I mentioned through the 90211 submission. So that was
6 the result.

7 THE COURT: But two of the witnesses that you've
8 just told me you're going to rely on for unjust enrichment,
9 whose names, unfortunately, I don't remember, Dr. Beaulieu
10 and Dr., not Cassidy, but the other person, weren't listed
11 in your interrogatory answer there.

12 MR. MacGILL: Well --

13 THE COURT: Is that right?

14 MR. MacGILL: No, ma'am. I think they were,
15 Your Honor. Mr. Harker, who testified on December 6th --

16 THE COURT: But people that you've told me you
17 were going to call, witnesses 1, 2 and 3, Beaulieu was
18 three.

19 MR. MacGILL: Cassidy, Beaulieu and perhaps Dr.
20 Zettler, the prior head of research and development.

21 THE COURT: And Dr. Beaulieu wasn't listed
22 though.

23 MR. MacGILL: No.

24 THE COURT: I don't know if it's Dr., Mr., Ms.
25 Zettler. Was that person listed?

1 MR. MacGILL: Was Dr. Zettler listed?

2 THE COURT: In the interrogatory that you just
3 read?

4 MR. MacGILL: On cost development? No.

5 THE COURT: On anything relating to damages?

6 MR. MacGILL: Well, yes. I mean, Dr. Beaulieu
7 is an expert in the case, as you know.

8 THE COURT: I just asked you, was Dr. Beaulieu
9 listed in the interrogatory response you just listed? The
10 answer is no. Right?

11 MR. MacGILL: The answer is no.

12 THE COURT: And what about -- I don't know if
13 it's Ms. Zettler, Mr. Zettler, Dr. Zettler. Was that person
14 listed in the interrogatory response?

15 MR. MacGILL: Not in the --

16 THE COURT: That you just read to me?

17 MR. MacGILL: Not in the cost interrogatory, no,
18 but they are the trade secret witnesses that we have
19 referred to.

20 So the trade secret relationship between the
21 cost is what they will refer to, is what they will testify
22 to, with respect to those details.

23 Now, with respect to the final point that we
24 wanted to make as to the foundational arguments that are
25 being made with respect to these costs of development, cost

1 of development has been litigated and understood for a long,
2 long time.

3 THE COURT: You know what, this is the subject
4 of an evidentiary motion that's not in front of me.

5 MR. MacGILL: Understood.

6 THE COURT: No need to cover that.

7 Okay. I am going to consider the arguments that
8 have been raised here and will get you something on the
9 Daubert motion in due course.

10 Next, I would like to discuss the motions for
11 summary judgment. The omnibus motion includes eight motions
12 denoted SJ 1 through SJ 8. I think I've already addressed
13 SJ 5 and SJ 8 in my May order, which I denied those in light
14 of the stay relating to the '216 patent, which needs to
15 refile.

16 One question I had for plaintiffs, Summary
17 Judgment 4 seeks summary judgment on reported criminal
18 penalties, and AgroFresh stated in its papers that it wasn't
19 current in attempting to seek criminal penalties or
20 something like that. But Summary Judgment 4 was listed in
21 your chart up on the screen.

22 So are you or are you not intending to seek
23 criminal penalties at this trial?

24 MR. MacGILL: Your Honor, the answer is the
25 economic espionage that's involved in this case is an

1 element of our substantive legal claim, intentional
2 interference. So it is not separately, we're not going to
3 ask you to give a jury instruction penalized for this
4 because it's a crime. That is an element of our proof that
5 we will present to you and to the Court in evidence. That
6 is economic espionage occurred, which means there was no
7 justification for the conduct, and furthermore, it is
8 wrongful conduct because it was criminal conduct. We're not
9 asking for a penalty because of the criminal violation.
10 We're asking for punitive damages under substantive law.

11 THE COURT: So the motion asks that AgroFresh,
12 says AgroFresh cannot seek criminal penalties for the claim.
13 You agree you are not seeking criminal penalties for the
14 claim?

15 MR. MacGILL: We are not seeking criminal
16 penalties for the claim.

17 THE COURT: So based on that representation,
18 AgroFresh will not be allowed to seek criminal penalties at
19 trial. I understand there may be some overlapping issues
20 of evidence, but you will not be seeking criminal penalties
21 at trial, and so I'm going to deny that motion as moot.

22 MR. MacGILL: Understood.

23 THE COURT: Okay. The remaining motions relate
24 to trade secret misuse, conversion claim and assertion of
25 the two dated patents, both of which are expired, are

1 invalid for written description, and that actually reminds
2 me. Can somebody explain to me where the patents fit into
3 this case, because everything I've read seems to focus on
4 trade secrets and the '216 patent, but we have these two
5 expired patents. And as I understand it, you're also
6 asserting them against, in the Hazel case where you have now
7 included Decco in that litigation.

8 So, plaintiff, what are we doing here?

9 MR. STOVER: Sure, you Your Honor. Chad Stover.
10 I can address that.

11 So the Daly patent claims are two patents, the
12 '849 patent, the '068 patent, and they have been a part of
13 this case from the very beginning as an infringement
14 argument with price erosion damages.

15 THE COURT: Separate from the other damages?

16 MR. STOVER: Yes. It is a separate -- there
17 could be -- yes. To answer your question, yes. And we
18 have a report, damages report on those patent damages from
19 FTI.

20 And so, and you also mentioned the Hazel case.
21 That case involves a different product. So in this case
22 we're talking about the TruPick product. In that case, we
23 were talking about a different product from Hazel.

24 THE COURT: Great. Okay.

25 MR. STOVER: Thank you.

1 THE COURT: Okay. So I would like to take the
2 summary judgment motions a little bit out of order and I
3 want to start with number seven, which is the '068 patent
4 being invalid for lack of written description. And the
5 arguments that are presented by both sides don't really
6 address written description. Instead they seem to focus on
7 whether I should correct the claim in some way to address
8 the '110 issue.

9 So, defendant? Mr. Ivey?

10 MR. IVEY: Your Honor, with the Court's
11 permission, Mr. Gupta will address that issue.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Sure. Mr. Gupta. So tell
13 me, what is this argument that you are making? Let's say
14 that I agree with you and I'm not correcting the claim.
15 What do you want me to do, because it all seemed to me you
16 were saying there's no written description support if you
17 changed it to N14, but I didn't see anything about no
18 written description if it's left where it is with N16.

19 MR. GUPTA: Yes. So to answer that question,
20 question directly, Your Honor, N is written in the claim as
21 one percent.

22 THE COURT: I get it. My question is, assume I
23 leave it just like that.

24 MR. GUPTA: Then it is undisputed, it is
25 undisputed that there is no description of any compound

1 which has N is equal to 5 through 10. Those just do not
2 exist as per the plaintiff's admissions, so there is
3 absolutely no description whatsoever for the compounds from
4 N is equal to 5 through 10. So that is just dispositive of
5 that issue.

6 THE COURT: It's other than in the
7 specification, it says 1 to 10 multiple times.

8 MR. GUPTA: That is correct, Your Honor, but
9 just the fact that that claim language is repeated in the
10 specification does not provide description sufficient to
11 show of one of ordinary skill that the inventors here were
12 in possession of a compound with N is equal to 5 through 10.
13 It just does not. And the mere fact that those words from
14 the claim are repeated in the specification does not cure
15 that deficiency.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. GUPTA: And as far as, if Your Honor would
18 like me to address the fact about why this correction cannot
19 be made by the Court, I am happy to do that.

20 THE COURT: No.

21 MR. GUPTA: That is the fundamental thing. The
22 plaintiffs admit that they do not exist and therefore there
23 cannot be any written description for that range.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Let me hear from the
25 plaintiff.

1 MR. STOVER: Chad Stover on behalf of AgroFresh,
2 Your Honor.

3 So, Your Honor, you hit on the point that we
4 made in our briefing, which is that you have a title here
5 that says, lack of written description is the title of their
6 argument, but when you look at what they are actually
7 arguing and the cases, the two cases, the Rembrandt case and
8 the Nuvo decision that they cite, those are indefiniteness
9 decisions and don't say anything about lack of written
10 description, and so there's really no argument that they've
11 made, and certainly no case law that they've cited, no case
12 law that we're aware of that would find a lack of written
13 description in a context like this, where they claim that
14 the claims appear to cover nonexistent classes of compounds.
15 And I think for just that reason, the motion should be
16 denied.

17 And if you were going to reach the other issue
18 of whether or not to correct the claims, and I believe we
19 have an argument we could make on that, but I don't really
20 think that's properly before Your Honor under the motion as
21 it was stated.

22 THE COURT: So is the issue of correcting the
23 claims going to be something that comes up or not? I mean,
24 I'm just trying to figure out, is this a claim construction
25 issue and it wasn't previously raised or is this something

1 that I don't need to address?

2 MR. STOVER: I don't think it's before you and
3 so I don't think you need to address it.

4 THE COURT: Okay. But I just want to make sure
5 it's not going to come before me the first day of trial.
6 I want to make sure we're all good with claims saying 1
7 to 10, or are we not? Are you going to say, no, no, No,
8 Judge?

9 MR. STOVER: From AgroFresh's position, we're
10 not going to say you need to fix it. I can't speak for them
11 obviously.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Gupta?

13 MR. GUPTA: Your Honor, I mean, this is a
14 situation where they're not asking for the claims to be
15 fixed during the trial, but then they keep arguing that the
16 claim is properly written.

17 THE COURT: So are you going to ask me to fix
18 it? I don't think so based on what you told me that I can't
19 fix it.

20 MR. GUPTA: Right.

21 THE COURT: So I just want to make sure I'm not
22 going to have some surprise here, where there's another
23 judge, you've got a claim construction issue you need to
24 deal with in the middle of trial.

25 So they told me they're not seeking to have the

1 claim corrected or changed. Is defendant?

2 MR. GUPTA: So, Your Honor, if AgroFresh is not
3 seeking to have this claim corrected, that means the claim
4 language is as it's written.

5 THE COURT: I'm just asking you a question. You
6 are not asking it. Okay? If they're not asking to have the
7 claim corrected, are you?

8 MR. GUPTA: No, we're not, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. GUPTA: And the claim as written then
11 therefore is inoperative and cannot stand as properly
12 disclosed or enabled under Section 112, paragraph 1.

13 THE COURT: Okay. So I will take that under --
14 oh, one question I did have for plaintiff, Mr. Stover. So
15 you said that you are not seeking to have it corrected, but
16 just so that I understand. In the papers it sort of seemed
17 like you were, but I wasn't sure what you were asking for.
18 So I just want to make sure. Maybe I shouldn't even open
19 this door.

20 So --

21 MR. STOVER: I think our primary argument, Your
22 Honor, is that the focus of their motion was lack of written
23 description and there's no support for that argument.
24 Therefore, it should be denied.

25 THE COURT: Even for N equals 1 through 10?

1 MR. STOVER: Correct.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

3 MR. STOVER: Thank you.

4 THE COURT: Okay. So let's go to summary
5 judgment number 6, which seeks summary judgment, the Daly
6 patents are invalid for lack of written description. And I
7 guess my first question is for both sides.

8 Mr. Gupta, is there any dispute that the term
9 cyclodextrin when broader in the claims, not limited to
10 alpha cyclodextrin, that that term encompasses cyclodextrin
11 other than alpha cyclodextrin?

12 MR. GUPTA: We believe we do not have a dispute
13 on that. I think it's undisputed that cyclodextrin is
14 broad enough to encompass three types of cyclodextrin's,
15 alpha, beta and gamma. And the specification only provides
16 support --

17 THE COURT: No, I understand.

18 MR. GUPTA: Yes.

19 THE COURT: I'm just taking one question at a
20 time here.

21 And, plaintiff, who is dealing with this?

22 Mr. Stover?

23 MR. STOVER: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Do you agree there's no dispute here
25 that the term cyclodextrin encompasses cyclodextrin other

1 than alpha cyclodextrin?

2 MR. STOVER: That's correct.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. STOVER: It includes beta and gamma.

5 THE COURT: And does it also include things
6 other than alpha, beta and gamma? In your papers you showed
7 me where it was defined, and then you kept saying, including
8 alpha, beta and gamma, but I wasn't sure if you were saying
9 including only or including but not limited to?

10 MR. STOVER: To my knowledge, it's just alpha,
11 beta and gamma.

12 THE COURT: And what's defendants' position on
13 that?

14 MR. GUPTA: There are just the three unmodified
15 forms of cyclodextrin, which are alpha, beta and gamma.
16 There's a whole different class of compounds called modified
17 cyclodextrins, and in terms of the motion that is in front
18 of the Court, the briefing relates to beta and gamma as not
19 being adequately described.

20 THE COURT: Right. So the issue here is whether
21 there's support in the specification for cyclodextrin, beta
22 cyclodextrin and gamma cyclodextrin?

23 MR. GUPTA: Yes. More properly, whether there's
24 support for a complex form by 1-MCP and the different, other
25 different forms of cyclodextrins. Namely, beta and gamma.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. GUPTA: Not just whether beta and gamma are
3 described in the specification. Whether a complex can be
4 formed and whether that is what the invention was directed
5 to and whether the inventors here were in possession of any
6 complex forms between 1-MCP and beta and gamma and whether
7 those were actual compounds or complexes that the inventors
8 actually invented as per the Ariad case, which is required
9 for the inventors to show in order to get a patent broad
10 enough to encompass those.

11 THE COURT: All right. Any response on that
12 one?

13 MR. STOVER: Chad Stover, Your Honor.

14 Were you looking for a response just on that
15 question or on this issue?

16 THE COURT: No. Just on the issue.

17 MR. STOVER: On the issue in general.

18 Yes. If I could bring up -- here we go.

19 So the fact that the specification of the two
20 patents focuses on alpha cyclodextrin is not dispositive of
21 this issue, and I think the main case that we rely on for
22 that is the Centrak case cited in our briefing. There's
23 also another decision from the Federal Circuit called, I
24 believe it's Scriptpro. It's cited in the Centrak decision.
25 That's a very recent, February of 2019 decision from the

1 Federal Circuit.

2 And it says, and the Scriptpro case says as well
3 the specifications focus on one specific embodiment or
4 purpose, cannot limit the described invention where that
5 specification expressly contemplates other embodiments for
6 purposes.

7 And here, and on this slide, I quoted three
8 paragraphs from column 11 of the '849 patent, the same
9 specification is also present in the '068 patent, that talks
10 specifically about beta and gamma-cyclodextrin and the
11 complexing of those cyclodextrins with the 1 FCP in the
12 patent, which is what the patent is talking about.

13 So we have a case here where there's actual
14 express disclosure in the patent, which is different than
15 any of the decisions that were cited to you by defendants.

16 And then another thing that I would like to
17 note. In addition to the express disclosure, there is also
18 disclosure of cyclodextrins in general, and then specifying
19 those as including alpha cyclodextrins, so cyclodextrins
20 being broader than the alpha cyclodextrin throughout the
21 specification and also throughout the original claims that
22 were part of the specification that were filed.

23 We have an expert, AgroFresh's expert, Dr.
24 Thompson, who looked at the Daly patents, including these
25 specific portions, and he came to the conclusion that he

1 believed there was no written description problem. And he
2 also noted an issue that their expert, Dr. Dinka had, that
3 was in the obvious context.

4 Dr. Dinka took a look at prior art that included
5 cyclodextrins in general, beta, gamma cyclodextrin, and said
6 that it would be obvious to combine that with 1-MCP, but
7 then when he came to the written description portion of his
8 report, he sang a different tune. And so we believe Dr.
9 Thompson has opined. We believes that that contradiction
10 further supports there's no written description problem
11 here.

12 They focus on the deposition testimony of
13 another expert of AgroFresh's, Dr. Walton, and Dr. Walton is
14 not AgroFresh's expert on the validity of the daily patent.
15 Dr. Thompson is.

16 And, second, if you look at the deposition
17 testimony that they quote and cite from here, they're
18 overstating what she said. What she said was merely that
19 the specification focused on the alpha cyclodextrin
20 embodiment, which is not something that is disputed, and
21 under the Centrak case is not something that means that
22 there's a lack of written description, especially in light
23 of the express indefinite description that is present in
24 column 11 and throughout the two Daly patents.

25 They also cite to the '216 patent and a

1 statement in the '216 patent that says, a stable complex has
2 not been formed in beta or gamma with 1-MCP. That's
3 irrelevant first because it's outside the four corners of
4 the patent and the Ariad decision, Centrak. A bunch of
5 Federal Circuit decisions say you are supposed to focus on
6 the four corners of the specification read in light of one
7 of a person of ordinary skill in the art. And plus the
8 statement in the '216 patent is relevant, if anything, only
9 to enablement and not to lack of written description, and
10 they have not brought a motion on lack of enablement.

11 Unless Your Honor has any questions, that's all
12 I have on that.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

14 MR. STOVER: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: So, Mr. Gupta, why isn't this what
16 you are suggesting really, especially in light of the
17 Centrak case, why isn't it more an issue of enablement,
18 which is not the subject of the motion?

19 MR. GUPTA: Yes, Your Honor. I will take those
20 two things separately and say that first the Centrak case,
21 the plaintiff pointed to.

22 So the Centrak case factors are actually quite
23 different, and the reason why the Centrak case factors are
24 different is there, what was at issue, there was a detailed
25 embodiment that dealt with infrared technology, and then

1 there was a short description of how that would work for
2 ultrasound technology.

3 THE COURT: Right. But there was no specifics
4 on how you would change the technology in order to make it
5 appropriate for ultrasound?

6 MR. GUPTA: So there were certain components
7 that were disclosed, but not all the components that were
8 disclosed, and that was the issue that was raised there.
9 But what the specification there, the Centrak case seemed to
10 disclose, was that the inventors were in possession. That
11 they actually had invented something that was with
12 ultrasound technology. It's just that they hadn't provided
13 all of the details. And that is the critical decision.

14 THE COURT: I'm not sure that's consistent with
15 the facts though. I thought there was some issue with folks
16 knowing they had never made an ultrasound.

17 MR. GUPTA: But in the specification, they had
18 provided enough detail.

19 THE COURT: But in the specification here, they
20 refer to alpha, beta and gamma.

21 MR. GUPTA: Correct, they do, and we're not
22 disputing that the specification does not list those three
23 forms of cyclodextrin as the molecular encapsulation agent
24 generally. So if I may, I think it might be helpful to the
25 Court if we see what are the differences and why that

1 difference is significant and why that leads us to believe
2 that the inventors here cannot have been in possession of a
3 complex that is formed with beta and gamma.

4 So with the Court's indulgence, if I may just
5 very briefly.

6 Here, this is the passage that the plaintiff is
7 pointing to, saying that, yes, there are three forms of
8 cyclodextrin that is disclosed here, and those are alpha,
9 beta and gamma. Where they specifically differ is, because
10 alpha is limited to only six members in that ring, you go to
11 the next line, that's 7 and 8.

12 And why is this different, important? This
13 difference is important because that leads to a much larger
14 opening size for the other two cyclodextrins, namely the
15 beta and the gamma. And why that matters here is because
16 you're trying to encapsulate a 1-MCP molecule. This is a
17 very small --

18 THE COURT: You don't think this is something to
19 me that there might be some factual issues that need to be
20 resolved?

21 MR. GUPTA: Because --

22 THE COURT: I mean, you're giving me a lot of
23 specifics here that are based on attorney argument.

24 MR. GUPTA: But I think the important thing to
25 focus on is to go back on the, to the specification, and in

1 the specification, the only disclosure that relates to beta
2 and gamma cyclodextrin are in the form of, these are
3 cyclodextrin forms. These are molecular encapsulation
4 agents that can be used. And this is where the
5 specification is lacking, because as in another recent case
6 that came out, Nuvo Pharmaceuticals case, also there was a
7 similar issue. And the Court recognized there, and I'm
8 quoting, in light of the fact that the specification
9 provides nothing more than a mere claim that, in that case
10 it was uncoated PPI, in this case it would be beta and gamma
11 cyclodextrin, might work. Even though persons of ordinary
12 skill in the art would not have thought it would work, the
13 specification is fatally flawed. And this is citation 923
14 F3d. 1368 at page, at pin cite 1381.

15 And similarly, in Ariad itself, there is also an
16 example given where just the fact that you may have a metal
17 compound, which is analogous to the alpha cyclodextrin
18 compound, it does not mean that the inventor is in
19 possession of a compound with butyl or propyl, which would
20 be the equivalent of going to higher ordered compounds like
21 beta and gamma. These are just mere wishes for somebody to
22 say that these might work, but there is no evidence in the
23 specification which is where the inquiry is limited to that
24 the inventors actually invented a complex with beta and
25 gamma. All they did was list, here are the number of

1 molecular encapsulation agents as classes of compounds that
2 they want to try. But that's just a mere wish or a plan
3 under Ariad. That's not sufficient to say the inventors
4 actually invented that complex with 1-MCP and anything other
5 than alpha cyclodextrin, because that is just not present in
6 the specification. There is no discussion, and the
7 plaintiff has not pointed to any disclosure where there is a
8 complex being formed with beta and gamma cyclodextrin. It
9 is only limited to cyclodextrins can have multiple forms,
10 and we're not disputing that cyclodextrins can have multiple
11 forms.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. GUPTA: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 So I want to talk about the remaining summary
16 judgment motions, but I want to take a short break first.

17 (Short recess taken.)

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19 (Proceedings resumed after the short recess.)

20 THE COURT: Okay. Please be seated.

21 So next I would like to talk about summary
22 judgment number two, which seeks summary judgment that the
23 alleged trade secrets in the '216 patent fail as a matter of
24 law because they were not communicated to the defendants.
25 As I understand it, the issue is whether the statute

1 requires communication. Is that right?

2 MR. IVEY: That's one of the issues I believe
3 they raised, Your Honor. We believe that the law requires
4 the communication element.

5 THE COURT: Correct. But the statute itself
6 doesn't say that. Right?

7 MR. IVEY: Correct, Your Honor. That has been
8 interpreted that way. Yes, the Court is correct.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Now, there is discussion in
10 the papers about Pennsylvania versus Delaware Uniform Trade
11 Secret Act. It seems to focus on Pennsylvania, but then
12 there's some suggestion that Delaware is similar, it
13 wouldn't make a difference.

14 So I guess my question first: Is there really a
15 dispute over what law applies?

16 MR. IVEY: I don't believe there is, Your Honor,
17 under the statutes, and the law that's being applied here is
18 the same.

19 THE COURT: Plaintiff, is that right?

20 MR. MacGILL: I didn't hear. Mr. Ivey, you said
21 Pennsylvania?

22 MR. IVEY: I believe she said Pennsylvania and
23 Delaware. Right, Your Honor?

24 THE COURT: That's my understanding. I just
25 want to make sure there's not some conflict of law issue

1 that needs to be addressed that no one has asked me to
2 address.

3 MR. IVEY: There was no conflict of law issue
4 raised, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: So are we in agreement that we are
6 using Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secret act or what?

7 MR. MacGILL: Plaintiff agrees.

8 THE COURT: And you agree?

9 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. So, Mr. Ivey, the
11 cases that you cite when you say, you know, communication is
12 required all reference a Third Circuit case from prior to
13 the enactment of the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secret Act.
14 And when I look at the language of the statute, it does not
15 require the communication, it includes other criteria.

16 So what am I supposed to do with the language of
17 the statute?

18 MR. IVEY: Your Honor, we believe that the law
19 with regard to the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secret Act and
20 the Third Circuit in other courts in Pennsylvania that have
21 applied the law have consistently and repeatedly recited the
22 communication requirement. We believe that's the
23 controlling law with regard to this and we believe that's
24 the law that was also applied with regard to this particular
25 element under the case of Dow v. HRD Corporation, 909

1 F.Supp. 2d, 340, 349, 2012.

2 So basically, Your Honor, what happens is the
3 Court in Dow, understanding the statutory issue and applying
4 the law as the Third Circuit in the Pennsylvania courts have
5 applied it and as we note in our reply brief, it has been
6 used that way without any cases cited by the plaintiff in
7 this case, not one single case rejecting that communication
8 requirement. That requirement actually is dealt with and
9 analyzed in a very closely analogous fact pattern in the Dow
10 case. Essentially, what it takes there is the first element
11 of this, which is whether there's a trade secret as the
12 first element of the misappropriation analysis. And it then
13 goes on to lay out the guidelines with regard to precisely
14 how this works.

15 There must be the existence of the trade secret.
16 We're assuming that as arguendo in this matter. And there
17 has to be the communication element pursuant to the
18 confidential relationship.

19 Under Dow, which I just referred to, Your Honor,
20 AgroFresh has failed with respect to its claims to precisely
21 meet these requirements because it was not the source of the
22 trade secret communicated under the confidential
23 relationship.

24 Now, the word I use here, source, Your Honor, is
25 essentially a functional shorthand for what the Court

1 actually does do in this case, which is talk about the party
2 that has possession of, in fact, the invention, the inventor
3 of the technology, communicating to a party within that
4 confidential relationship.

5 And so what the Court does in HRD, in the HRD
6 case, Dow, it goes through the second element of
7 misappropriation here and shows that that is what HRD in
8 that case, which was in the same position as AgroFresh was
9 claiming.

10 And the first assertion that HRD made in that
11 case was that it had, in fact, communicated a trade secret
12 to Dow. The Court found that that was entirely unsupported
13 in the evidence and, in fact, it's not even argued in this
14 particular situation.

15 So what we have is the close parallel, and we
16 believe that Dow also is effective in avoiding the
17 conflation between the breach of conflict action, which is
18 essentially what they are complaining about with regard to
19 Dr. Mir and what actually happened here with regard to Dr.
20 Mir's invention and the fact that that would have been the
21 source of the communication that he was not.

22 What we have here specifically is the trade
23 secret as defined by AgroFresh is specific to the '216
24 patent and TruPick. The operative admission, and if we
25 could have, Mr Lee, DI 300 at page 2 and 3, we'll show very

1 briefly what this is.

2 There is the statement here -- toward the
3 bottom. Yes, there you go.

4 The first are trade secrets arising out of the
5 development of the '216 and TruPick. AgroFresh goes on to
6 state that these secrets were not disclosed to the
7 defendants by AgroFresh. Rather, as AgroFresh has explained
8 and the Decco defendants acknowledge, these technical trade
9 secrets were developed by Mr. Mir, who then went on to
10 breach his agreement to disclose them to AgroFresh and
11 disclosed them to the Decco defendants instead. In other
12 words, they are admitting here that the source was Dr. Mir
13 and not AgroFresh itself.

14 This is also verified in the statements of
15 material facts asserted in this case, No. 28, where
16 AgroFresh specifically admits that it did not become aware
17 of that technology, i.e., the technology in the '216 patent
18 and TruPick until Mir, again Dr. Mir's meeting with Dr.
19 Zettler in June of 2016. AgroFresh was not aware of TruPick
20 until defendants issued a press release announcing it. That
21 is statement of material fact number 28.

22 So what we have here is very concisely, Your
23 Honor, a situation where the trade secret is not as required
24 in the Dow analysis from the source communicated in a
25 confidential relationship. And as the Court goes on to

1 point out in Dow at 349, it may be factually true that Dow
2 had the obligation to keep the intellectual property
3 developments of the joint defense agreement project
4 confidential, and in this situation, Dow stands in the shoes
5 of Dr. Mir. But the Court then goes on to hit the operative
6 point. This does not alter the legal requirement that a
7 trade secret must be communicated from the plaintiff, i.e.,
8 the source to the defendant. The source must communicate
9 it, and that did not happen in this particular situation.

10 Now, material facts are not in dispute in this
11 regard, Your Honor, because of what we've shown you with
12 regard to the representations of DI 300. The development
13 was by Mir. Our opening brief, DI 451, discusses this at
14 page 14, and we have shown the quote here. And AgroFresh
15 also admitted that it did not know about this trade secret
16 for this invention until it was informed of that sometime
17 later. In other words, the source is Dr. Mir.

18 Now --

19 THE COURT: But their position is that they
20 technically owned it even though they didn't know about it
21 because of the contract. Right?

22 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor. That issue is also
23 dealt with in the Dow case for the same type of reason, and
24 that is there's no reason to and no analytical support for
25 conflating the I.D. of the source communicating the trade

1 secret to another party with the issue of whether it had a
2 duty to hold confidential and/or assign or take other action
3 with regard to that technology.

4 And so as the Court in Dow points out, again,
5 349, it is true that Dow had a contractual obligation to
6 keep information related to Dow's research and development a
7 secret, but the breach of the obligation should arise to a
8 contract claim, not a misappropriation of a trade secret
9 claim. And because HRD had failed to show that it was the
10 source that it had communicated anti-trade secrets to Dow,
11 HRD's misappropriation of trade secrets fails.

12 We submit the analysis is the same here, and for
13 the same reason, Your Honor, AgroFresh's argument with
14 respect to misappropriation on this count of the summary
15 judgment should also fail.

16 The cases which were cited by the plaintiff in
17 this matter to try to avoid the on-point analysis from Dow
18 are essentially off message because they don't deal with a
19 source communicating the information, and in each of these
20 instances, the plaintiff did actually serve the source and
21 it communicated to someone. AgroFresh can't stand in those
22 shoes because it didn't own or develop the technology. It
23 has admitted that was done by Dr. Mir.

24 THE COURT: Well, it hasn't admitted that the
25 technology wasn't owned by AgroFresh.

1 MR. IVEY: Correct, Your Honor. The issue of
2 ownership, the issue of contractual obligation is not what
3 we're disputing at this point. It's the matter of under
4 the elements of the trade secret misappropriation law
5 whether the secret had been communicated to another party.
6 And the secret in the analysis here must be communicated
7 from the source to that other party, the source being the
8 inventor.

9 THE COURT: My concern about this, this motion,
10 is when I look at the statute and the part that you say is
11 missing and thus we can't have a claim is not in the
12 statute. And much of the law that was developed where those
13 elements were set forth in the Third Circuit case that they
14 referred to, Moore, or something like that, it begins with
15 an "M," that was before at least the Pennsylvania Uniform
16 Trade Secret Act.

17 So I understand what you're saying, but no one
18 has gone through and said, despite the fact that the law,
19 the statute says this, there is still a requirement of a
20 communication, because the statute certainly would allow the
21 misappropriation to come into play. The plain language of
22 the statute would allow for misappropriation to come into
23 play absent a miscommunication. If there was some knowledge
24 on the part of the person being accused, the trade secrets
25 were misappropriated, that they were stolen, that they were

1 taken, something like that.

2 So I'm just not sure I understand how -- I
3 understand what you are saying, that the cases say, oh,
4 here's the four-part test, but are you aware of anything
5 that suggests why that test, which was the test used prior
6 to the institution of the enactment of the statute, is
7 still -- that I should still read that test into the statute
8 that seems to have different language?

9 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor. Since the enactment
10 of the statute, the cases have consistently continued to
11 apply that same law.

12 THE COURT: Right. But nobody has ever -- I
13 mean, a lot of the cases, Dow is different, because Dow does
14 refer, at least in the case it cites to the statute, but
15 most of the other cases in the Eastern District of
16 Pennsylvania, the Western District of Pennsylvania, they
17 cite to the Third Circuit case from 2003, which is before
18 the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets Act. And I'm just
19 wondering, did anyone actually go through the analysis and
20 say, as a matter of statutory interpretation, this test
21 still remains valid?

22 MR. IVEY: Aside from the Dow case, I don't
23 think any Court has hit it that directly, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: And even the Dow case didn't hit it
25 that directly. All they did say was, we understand there's

1 a statute involved?

2 MR. IVEY: And that the requirement is there.

3 So it lays out the same test the Court has acknowledged and
4 noticed.

5 What we're saying here, Your Honor, is that
6 since the enactment of the statute, the cases have continued
7 to apply the law in the same way, and so we have more recent
8 cases since the statute's enactment, since the earlier case
9 the Court referred to, which continue to repeatedly recite
10 the communication requirement with the analysis as provided
11 by Dow, and we cited Kenset Corporation versus Ilanjan, 600
12 F, APPX 827, 831, Third Circuit 2015, and PharMerica
13 Corporation v. Sturgeon. That's 218, 2018 Westlaw, 1367,
14 339 at *4, and there are some other citations which are also
15 included in our reply brief, Your Honor, document 491 at
16 pages 9 and 10.

17 THE COURT: So let me ask you a question. If
18 Decco just went and broke into AgroFresh's offices and took
19 their trade secrets documents, are you suggesting that is
20 not actionable under the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets
21 Act?

22 MR. IVEY: That might be actionable under other
23 remedies that might be available to them, including such
24 things as theft and breaking in and entering or so forth.
25 It would not necessarily be what this misappropriation

1 statute is designed to deal with. And so what we would have
2 in those other hypotheticals situations where there would be
3 other remedies available to the parties. What we're
4 launching here, Your Honor, is an effort to make sure that
5 the elements in the misappropriation claims aren't allowed
6 to morph into things that didn't exist from people who can't
7 identify who had what at that time and then that turns into
8 a misappropriation case which is thrown to the jury with no
9 particular recourse as to how to deal with that in terms of
10 prejudice and confusion.

11 What Dow does in that regard is give quick
12 clarity with regard to the fact as to where the source is,
13 where the information must emanate from, where it has to go,
14 and then that there must be some use of that information for
15 purposes that actually complete the statutory elements of
16 misappropriation.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. MacGILL: Your Honor, Rob MacGill for
19 AgroFresh for plaintiff.

20 Just to bring into focus the statutory
21 realities, the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secret Act
22 controls. It does not require communication. The Federal
23 Act does not require communication as an element. We have
24 put those authorities before the Court as you have seen.

25 There are a couple of other things worthy of

1 note. We heard a lot about 1913 decision that was
2 incorporated into some language from some Court decisions,
3 but that 1913 decision, of course, was decades before the
4 enactment of these two statutes, and I don't think that 1913
5 decision can be imported or utilized in any way that's
6 legally appropriate.

7 To be precise about the statutory requirement
8 here, whether it's Pennsylvania law or the federal law, it
9 bars disclosure or use of a trade secret and does not make
10 an element of communication a part of the process.

11 We cited cases that have been referenced in the
12 argument to aid earlier in response to Mr. Ivey's response
13 that we've got Western and Eastern District of Pennsylvania
14 decisions that make it clear that our position, disclosure
15 and use is the point of focus.

16 And then as a practical matter, much like the
17 example that you used with respect to the break-in, another
18 example might be if communication were a requirement,
19 whether if the Coke formula is stolen by somebody, the
20 suggestion is that if it's stolen by somebody, it wasn't
21 communicated, but it was taken out of a safe at Coca-Cola
22 company, it somehow would escape the remedy of trade secret
23 misappropriation.

24 These realities are clear from the statute. The
25 statute should be the basis for the Court's determination

1 and the Court's ultimate jury instructions on this point.

2 Thank you.

3 THE COURT: So how do you address the Kenset
4 case that defendant just raised? The Third Circuit said it
5 was misappropriation of trade secrets. It said, to an
6 injunction for misappropriation of trade secrets under the
7 Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Kenset had to show,
8 and then it lists the four things, including communication
9 pursuant to the confidential relationship, and it cites to
10 the statute, and that's the Third Circuit law.

11 So how is that not binding on me?

12 MR. MacGILL: I don't think -- I don't think
13 that the clarity of the drafting in that particular opinion
14 is instructive, especially when you have express statutory
15 mandates and requirements that are provided.

16 And with respect to being sure that the parties,
17 all parties are comfortable, a jury ultimately is properly
18 instructed, and that a summary judgment is resolved
19 according to the appropriate legal standard. The reference
20 point is the statute and the reference point is what the
21 statute says and what it doesn't say. And with respect to
22 the -- that's true with respect to, Your Honor, to the
23 Pennsylvania statute. It's also true with respect to the
24 federal statute.

25 And how does law get written or how do words get

1 included? We all know as practicing lawyers, or from the
2 bench, that sometimes there's a carry forward on precedent
3 that may not be perfectly justified or appropriate based on
4 subsequent legal developments. But what we have is a
5 comfort zone here from the standpoint of the legal
6 requirements, thereby statute, and the legal requirements
7 that are properly analyzed are clear.

8 To impose, notwithstanding what the statute says
9 in Pennsylvania, and to impose notwithstanding what the
10 federal statute says, a new element in our view would be
11 legally inappropriate and just simply not correct.

12 But we understand how some of this language has
13 been imported in. We've read with a lot of care two things.
14 We read the 1913 decision and we were curious for purposes
15 of preparing for today, how did some of the words of 1913
16 longitudinally get incorporated in different decisions? And
17 it did, they did. But that doesn't overwrite the statutory
18 law and it doesn't overwrite the statutory requirements.

19 So for those reasons, Your Honor, we would ask
20 that the summary judgment two be denied on the legal basis
21 that we have identified.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. IVEY: Very briefly, Your Honor. First, we
24 would submit that the analysis does not stop with the 1913
25 case. The Dow case is from 2012 and the Kenset case that

1 the Court referred to was from 2015. So we're in the
2 correct century and we're in the correct area with regard
3 to --

4 THE COURT: Right. The Kenset case cites the
5 statute as well as the 2003 case that is sort of the seminal
6 case more that everybody seems to cite for those
7 requirements.

8 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: So I take your point that in 2015,
10 it does cite the statute, but it also kind of harkens back
11 to that earlier case that it was pre-statute.

12 MR. IVEY: Actually, that doesn't help
13 AgroFresh's argument in this regard, Your Honor. The longer
14 something stays on the books without somebody actually
15 correcting it or criticizing it suggests that that is the
16 way the law ought to be interpreted now. We do believe that
17 there is the controlling effect that the Court has referred
18 to in that regard.

19 Now, I also mentioned, Your Honor, going back to
20 the fact that AgroFresh has failed to cite a single case,
21 not one, rejecting the communication requirement that we've
22 talked about from Kenset and from Dow.

23 And the Third Circuit therefore has credited the
24 analysis that the Dow Court used. This isn't an antiquated
25 ruling.

1 And with regard to other types of trade secret
2 scenarios such as might be involved with, for example, a
3 Coca-Cola, let's leave aside the fact we can all acknowledge
4 that Coca-Cola's trade secret formula is recognized as the
5 trade secret and we don't have the kind of, assuming
6 arguendo, issues we have with regard to the kind of
7 migration of trade secret disclosures that we've had.

8 The fact of the matter is when, and it has
9 happened on occasion, very rarely, but it has happened,
10 someone attempts to steal part of that formula, Coca-Cola
11 essentially knows immediately what it was somebody tried to
12 take and who tried to take it. So there isn't the problem
13 of something being absconded with where the party that
14 actually owns the trade secret has no way of knowing what's
15 going on in that regard.

16 What we have here is a situation which is
17 delicate, which has to do with this idea of communicating
18 trade secrets and the trade secrets having to emanate from
19 the source -- i.e., in this case, the inventor, Dr. Mir and
20 not from the ownership arguments that are being made with
21 regard to Dr. Mir vis-a-vis AgroFresh, which could very well
22 mean that there is a cause of action here and a right to
23 pursue action on grounds of a breach of contract action.
24 But as the Court noted, in the Dow case, the fact that you
25 have a contract claim does not give rise to nor support the

1 misappropriation of trade secrets claim, and in that regard,
2 as was true in the Dow case, it is true here as well,
3 AgroFresh has failed to make out the elements. It has
4 failed to meet its burden at this summary judgment stage.

5 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to take that one
6 under consideration and go back and review the cases.

7 Summary judgment number three, it is similar
8 with respect to the conversion claim and the assertion by
9 defendants that it requires a communication.

10 Plaintiff, I was curious about, from the
11 response is, were you talking here about a claim for
12 conversion of trade secrets or a claim for conversion of
13 something else?

14 MR. MacGILL: Your Honor, Rob MacGill once
15 again.

16 I think with respect to conversion, the
17 definition of what the property is is broader than what just
18 might be a trade secret, so it's not -- what's subject to
19 our conversion claim is broader than what would be perhaps a
20 trade secret. So for that reason, we have to say that we're
21 not comparing an apple to an apple in this particular
22 context as to what is subject to conversion in terms of the
23 property.

24 The second thing just to point out quickly, with
25 respect to conversion, I don't think the Court needs to hear

1 from us very much about whether intangible intellectual
2 property such as patents or trade secrets or other property
3 is subject to a conversion remedy. It is, and we've cited
4 quite a different, quite a series of cases on the point that
5 property of the nature that we're talking about,
6 intellectual property ideas, those kinds of things, are
7 subject to a conversion remedy.

8 And then finally, Your Honor, with respect to
9 defendants' own tentative authority to the Court, we would
10 say their own authorities confirm this same basic
11 fundamental legal point.

12 THE COURT: So, but I just want to make sure in
13 the complaint. We went back and looked, and the complaint
14 says conversion of information, and then there was some
15 reference in the papers to conversion of confidential
16 information or procuring information by improper means.

17 Are you asserting conversion of trade secrets?

18 MR. MacGILL: We are.

19 THE COURT: And as I read the cases with respect
20 to conversion, there is an issue for a conversion of trade
21 secrets, though perhaps not conversion of confidential
22 information of a communication requirement.

23 MR. MacGILL: I'm sorry. Could you please
24 repeat the last portion of what you said, Your Honor?

25 THE COURT: As I understand it from the cases

1 addressing conversion of trade secrets, there is a
2 communication requirement. So is there a communication or
3 are there factual issues about a communication of a trade
4 secret here?

5 MR. MacGILL: No. And for purposes of
6 conversion, the focus is again on unauthorized control,
7 dominion of control, of property owned by another party.
8 And so for that reason, Your Honor, I don't think we're back
9 to the similar analysis that I think we've already covered
10 with respect to the legal issue on the '216 patent trade
11 secrets. That is, do they exercise dominion or control and
12 make it hard for use of our property, more broadly defined
13 in trade secrets?

14 THE COURT: I just want to check. Was this the
15 Teva case? I thought it was the Teva case where the Court
16 found that there could not be a conversion claim for trade
17 secrets because there was no communication and there was no
18 confidential relationship between Teva and the defendant,
19 but there could be a claim for conversion of other
20 confidential information.

21 MR. MacGILL: Yes. Going to your third point
22 first, I think that with respect to the aspect of the
23 decision relating to our burden of proof on conversion, we
24 would focus on use and disclosure, but also, and that we did
25 submit this in relation to summary judgment number two. We

1 showed the Court, and we'll talk about this later, the
2 various communications of studies, biologic test results,
3 sampling techniques. We did communicate those particular
4 things, so whether we get to the point of making arguments
5 to you or to the jury on conversion, we would say that this
6 may be a legal distinction without a difference on our
7 conversion claim.

8 THE COURT: You communicated them to who? Dr.
9 Mir?

10 MR. MacGILL: Dr. Mir, who in turn communicated
11 them to Dr. Oakes. So we'll talk about this in a minute,
12 but in summary judgment two, we tried to give you exemplars,
13 frankly, for all purposes, but on this conversion claim, we
14 would intend to bring that evidence forward to say at the
15 end, subject to the Court's discretions, this is all
16 conversion and we communicated our biologic trials to him.
17 He communicated them to Decco and UPL.

18 THE COURT: All right. But isn't that what
19 happened in Teva and the Court said, with respect to the
20 conversion of trade secrets aspect, that there was no
21 communication pursuant to a confidential relationship
22 because Teva and the defendant, I don't remember if it was
23 Apotex or someone, were not in a confidential relationship.
24 They were competitors. And isn't that what we have here,
25 where you're saying it went through someone?

1 MR. MacGILL: Yes.

2 THE COURT: And in that case, I think it went
3 through a former employee. But ultimately, when the Court
4 said you can't have a conversion of trade secrets claim, it
5 was, there was no communication pursuant to a confidential
6 relationship because the ultimate two parties, Teva and
7 Apotex, were not in a confidential relationship. They were
8 competitors.

9 MR. MacGILL: Okay. We're speaking the same
10 language on that case. Here's how we distinguish it. We
11 were in a confidential relationship and we had a
12 confidential relationship through our confidentiality
13 agreements with Dr. Mir and his company, protected us in
14 every particular way.

15 So --

16 THE COURT: But isn't that the same as in Teva,
17 where it was a confidentiality, confidential relationship
18 between Teva and the employee. The employee then went to
19 Apotex. So the ultimate issue that the Court was looking at
20 is, if you are going to go after Apotex for conversion of
21 trade secrets, you can't do that because there's no
22 confidential relationship between Teva and Apotex?

23 What I'm trying to understand is why isn't
24 that -- why isn't that the situation that we have here with
25 respect to the trade secret conversion, not with respect to

1 other confidential information, which apparently is
2 different than Teva, treated differently in the Teva case?

3 MR. MacGILL: So we have two levels of
4 confidential relationships here. Our company, Your Honor,
5 and Dr. Mir, and we have our former employee, 20-year
6 employee, Dr. Oakes, who also had a confidentiality
7 agreement. Okay.

8 THE COURT: Need a confidentiality agreement
9 between AgroFresh and the folks that you are asserting as to
10 this claim. That's what it seems to me the Teva case is
11 saying with respect to conversion of trade secrets.

12 MR. MacGILL: Right. Correct. And so, again, I
13 can share with you how we read it in our facts. How we read
14 it in our facts is that particular rationale, I would say,
15 of that decision is not equitable to us because, one, we
16 have confidential relationships of two types that I've
17 mentioned and a third type.

18 The third type, Your Honor, is the UPL, the
19 folks here in your courtroom today, promised us in
20 connection with an acquisition they wouldn't use any
21 information that they had in relation to the acquisition
22 against us, and they offered \$400 million for our company --
23 pardon me. They wanted to buy our company, so UPL signs the
24 third confidentiality agreement and says, we promise,
25 AgroFresh, or Dow, we will not use any of your information.

1 We won't hire your consultants, we won't hire your
2 employees. We promise. Give us your stuff. Okay.

3 So we did. They offered \$400 million for our
4 company and we said, no, you're not even close.

5 THE COURT: I know. I read that.

6 MR. MacGILL: Okay. So back to your inquiry on
7 this third level of analysis on this case.

8 So WHEN we look at Teva, we say we have three
9 forms of confidentiality protections and we have
10 communication, and we can prove it.

11 So what we would say, Your Honor, in terms of
12 our analysis, for better or worse, is this. That piece of
13 Teva doesn't apply to our facts because everybody, UPL,
14 Oakes and Mir, are buttoned down by confidentiality
15 undertaking in written contracts.

16 Number two, we have -- we'll talk about this in
17 relation to the summary judgment. We have factually, in
18 fact, communications of biologic trials by all -- all kinds
19 of dimensions from Mir, from us to Mir first, and we'll show
20 you that, and then we show them what to do on guest
21 sampling. On biological trials, we tell them what to do.
22 We have e-mails.

23 He then communicates to Oakes. So we have, as
24 we get to the factual issues associated with these other
25 trade secrets, we're talking about conversion now. What I

1 will say in the conversion context is, we have all of that
2 tied up by e-mail communications in those three technical
3 levels at least. Biological trials, gas sampling
4 techniques, two prominent examples, and then dosing by
5 fruit.

6 So, again, I hope that's responsive to your
7 inquiry, Your Honor, but that's how we read that portion of
8 Teva as we looked at it for purposes of the analysis that we
9 make here today.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. MacGILL: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Ivey, what about the issue
13 that was just raised, which is purported confidentiality
14 between UPL and AgroFresh based on the attempt to acquire
15 AgroFresh?

16 MR. IVEY: I think it's conflating issues that
17 have nothing to do with each other, Your Honor. We could
18 spend a lot of time arguing about what other people that he
19 mentioned might have known or done or had in the future or
20 the past.

21 THE COURT: Are any of the alleged trade secrets
22 misappropriated, asserted to have been misappropriated by
23 the breach of that agreement of confidentiality?

24 MR. IVEY: No, Your Honor, I don't believe they
25 are. Basically, what we have here is that AgroFresh has not

1 met its burden of showing at the summary judgment stage the
2 conversion of an intangible property as disclosed in the
3 '216 patent.

4 We've discussed this at some length in our brief
5 at DI 451, so I won't go back through all of that, Your
6 Honor, but we do point out that the issue here that
7 AgroFresh seeks recovery of the technology of the '216
8 patent, which is plainly in tangible property and it is not
9 connected with physical property, and therefore it's not
10 encompassed under the Pennsylvania conversion doctrine.

11 We cited two cases which are on point with
12 regard to this, which are Apparel Business systems v. Tom
13 James, and that's 2008, Westlaw --

14 THE COURT: Yes, I have that one.

15 MR. IVEY: All right. The other case that we
16 cited for the Court is Vavro v. Albers. That one is 2006
17 Westlaw, 2547350, Western District of Pennsylvania, 2006.

18 And so essentially, there are numerous courts
19 that have held similar to what we're arguing for in this
20 particular case, and we believe that is the standard which
21 applies.

22 Going to the second point that the Court focused
23 in on, and here the Court went specifically and squarely to
24 the issue, there is a similar requirement for
25 misappropriation of claims in this regard, and it is stated

1 in our brief at 451 on page 18, and I quote. "To state a
2 claim for conversion of trade secrets, a plaintiff must
3 allege that, number one, it owns the trade secret and,
4 number two," and this is the operative one that the Court
5 was focusing in on, "the trade secret was communicated to
6 the defendant within a confidential relationship."

7 And the case cited there, as the Court referred
8 to, is the Teva Pharmaceutical case. I won't give the cite
9 unless the Court actually needs it.

10 THE COURT: No. I have that.

11 MR. IVEY: All right. And the fact of the
12 matter is, Your Honor, and it's undisputed here that
13 AgroFresh never communicated the trade secret pursuant to a
14 confidential relationship with any defendant, neither Dr.
15 Mir nor the defendant, and that's because the technological
16 information and trade secret was developed by Dr. Mir and
17 not by AgroFresh.

18 So the communication that they're talking about
19 pursuant to the confidential relationship is off the mark in
20 addition to the fact we think they're wrong on the facts.

21 THE COURT: What about, so your motion is just
22 going to conversion of the trade secrets, but their
23 assertion is that it's not just trade secrets that they're
24 arguing conversion of, but other confidential information.
25 And as I read the Teva case, that type of claim was not

1 subject to the same communication. Is that right?

2 MR. IVEY: I believe the Court's reading on that
3 is correct. We have the same issue we sometimes have had on
4 a recurring basis in this case with regard to what precisely
5 it is that they're defining as the trade secret that they're
6 going after. Sometimes it's several generic categories.
7 Sometimes those categories move. Sometimes they're
8 withdrawn. Sometimes they're brought back, and sometimes we
9 wind up talking about confidential information.

10 This Court was absolutely correct, that there
11 can be all kinds of confidential information that do not
12 constitute as a matter of law trade secrets, and so we have
13 some issues there, but I think some of those are for a later
14 day.

15 THE COURT: And they're not the subject of your
16 motion?

17 MR. IVEY: They are not the subject of this
18 motion, Your Honor, respectfully.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I will take that
20 one under advisement.

21 And I think that brings us to summary judgment
22 number one, about the unsupported trade secrets, including
23 testing protocols, biological trials, et cetera. I will
24 hear from the defendants on that motion.

25 MR. IVEY: I just want to make sure I've got my

1 arguments lined up, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: I did take it out of order.

3 MR. IVEY: And I didn't mean that in any way as
4 a criticism or an observation in that regard. It was more a
5 matter of my inadequacy, not the Court.

6 The issue with regard to the first summary
7 judgment category as we brief it at document number 451 at
8 pages 12 through 16 and in our reply brief document 491 at
9 pages 9 through 12, is an issue of law. It's a
10 straightforward question with regard to several categories.

11 The issue as a matter of law is whether there
12 had been misappropriation under the Defend Trade Secrets Act
13 or the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets Act, DTSP and
14 PUTSA, and the facts in this regard, Your Honor, are not in
15 dispute.

16 The trade secret as defined by AgroFresh is
17 specific to the '216 patent in TruPick. We already showed
18 the Court the DI 300 reference, so I won't put that up
19 again.

20 But just to bring the Court back in terms of
21 orientation on that --

22 THE COURT: Isn't this the one we just
23 discussed? This is number two. I was talking about number
24 one.

25 MR. IVEY: I apologize, Your Honor. I think I

1 may have gone back.

2 THE COURT: I think number one had the gas and
3 the treatment tests.

4 MR. IVEY: Those are the four categories, Your
5 Honor.

6 So the brief addressed DI 451, pages 4 through
7 12, and DI 491 at pages 1 through 8.

8 Now, the four categories that we have identified
9 in this regard are the so-called testing protocol, the
10 centralized room gas sampling and 1-MCP dosing systems, the
11 1-MCP application equipment, and the fourth category is
12 various biological trials and confidential information,
13 numerous fruits and vegetables and other things.

14 Now, at the outset, the summary judgment
15 standard is also set out in a case we relied on for the
16 second motion, which is Dow v. HRD 909 F.Supp. 2d, 340 at
17 346. And basically what it does is, it lays out very
18 succinctly, and, again, the facts are closely aligned with
19 ours, that the first element had to be the existence of a
20 trade secret, and once you have that, we then go to the next
21 point, and that is that to meet the element, whether there's
22 a trade secret, there must be identification of those trade
23 secrets with specific particularity to actually allow the
24 Court to evaluate at the summary judgment stage that there
25 are, in fact, trade secrets.

1 Here, to meet that first element as the Court in
2 Dow pointed out, HRD standing in the position of this case
3 of AgroFresh must show the existence of a trade secret with
4 a reasonable degree of precision and specificity such that a
5 reasonable jury could find that the plaintiff established
6 each statutory element of a trade secret. That
7 identification, the Court went on to say, must be particular
8 enough as to separate trade secrets from matters of general
9 knowledge in a trade or of special knowledge of persons of
10 skill in the trade.

11 The identification must clearly refer to the
12 trade secret, and as the Court pointed out there, and,
13 again, it's appropriate that I point that out in this case
14 as well because it's an issue that continues to hover over
15 everything we do. This is not a discovery motion. It's a
16 summary judgment motion and it seeks to determine whether
17 the party in that case had sufficient facts to support its
18 claims. And in that case, the Court found that HRD standing
19 in the shoes of AgroFresh in this case, had the burden to
20 establish those facts, and it could not meet those burdens
21 on the categories that were reviewed.

22 Now, additionally, we in our reply, Your Honor,
23 because it came up as part of the briefing for this
24 particular motion, specifically addressed and alerted the
25 Court to the resurrection of previously withdrawn

1 allegations regarding manufacturing, purification and
2 measurements, and I would like to return to these if we have
3 time briefly at the end of the argument.

4 THE COURT: Just so I'm clear, the manufacturing
5 that was withdrawn, what product was that for?

6 MR. IVEY: That was for the TruPick and the '216
7 patent.

8 THE COURT: It was for the TruPick?

9 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. IVEY: One more fundamental point, Your
12 Honor. Despite their burden, we note that AgroFresh did not
13 identify or submit an expert in this case and it did not
14 submit with that expert an opening report on trade secrets
15 as it is indicated under Federal Rule of Evidence 702 and
16 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B).

17 So turning to the four categories, AgroFresh
18 failed to meet its burden with each of these.

19 The first is the testing protocol I will go to,
20 and here what we received, Your Honor, what you see in the
21 briefing and what has been apparent during the entire course
22 of discovery in this case is generic statements of
23 techniques for measuring ethylene, starch and acid, and that
24 kind of generic referencing simply fails to meet the burden
25 of particularity.

1 Now, Dr. Zettler, who was referred to during
2 these proceedings, was the Rule 30(b)(6) witness on trade
3 secrets. He was their corporate representative. And he
4 failed to explain how, if at all, AgroFresh met the
5 different publicly known method for this kind of measuring
6 of these ethylene starches and acids. And that testimony is
7 actually cited in conjunction with our briefing papers. I
8 believe it's Exhibit 6 at 52, lines 11 through 14.

9 Now, there was no clear identification with
10 regard to the testing protocols. There was no description
11 of these testing protocols, and there's no separation of
12 what might have been included in these testing protocols
13 that is a departure from, perhaps even an improvement over
14 what was publicly known or readily available to people of
15 skill in the art.

16 And in this regard, Your Honor, one of the
17 things that we have happening, and it occurs again
18 throughout this situation, is we sometimes move for what was
19 supposedly a specific designation, even if somewhat
20 nebulous, to other types of combinations of trade secrets.
21 And we submit, Your Honor, that when, in fact, they've tried
22 to say that there are aggregated trade secrets wherever they
23 may be, each of those elements also still needs to be
24 identified with the same kind of particularity with regard
25 to why it is a trade secret, whether it's individually or

1 taken together with other elements in combination so that
2 you have a trade secret.

3 So in this case, Your Honor, we then also didn't
4 rest on that. We actually had the testimony of Dr. Beaudry
5 on behalf of UPL and Decco, who analyzed what was available
6 from the information disclosed throughout discovery by
7 AgroFresh.

8 And on this particular issue with regard to
9 testing protocols, Dr. Beaudry attached several publications
10 of publicly known measuring techniques. That occurs at
11 Exhibit 2 and in paragraph 84. He's very explicit with
12 regard to all of these types of protocols.

13 So I won't go through all of them here, but he
14 actually lays out in some detail that there are many known
15 published techniques for measuring ethylene, starch and
16 acid, and he goes on to identify what each of those are.
17 Without giving an exhaustive list, it's certainly a very
18 long list.

19 If response to that, there was silence. Dr.
20 Beaudry's verified opinions are unrebutted in this matter,
21 and as a result, AgroFresh's claim with regard to the
22 testing protocols fails as a matter of law at this stage.

23 The second category has to do with the
24 treatment, Your Honor. Here, Dr. Zettler was the Rule
25 30(b)(6) witness speaking on behalf of the company AgroFresh

1 for its trade secrets, and he made a fatal admission, and
2 that was that he was not aware of any trade secrets
3 regarding the treatment tents that had generally been
4 described by AgroFresh in this case.

5 By contrast, we had Dr. Beaudry look into this
6 and he provided a wealth of examples of use and publication
7 from 1998 through the 2015 with regard to treatment tents,
8 how they're developed, what they look like, what their
9 parameters, configurations and measurements are, et cetera.

10 Dr. Beaulieu then came in on behalf of AgroFresh
11 and failed to cure the admission by Dr. Zettler for his
12 concessions because she did not address any of Dr. Beaudry's
13 disclosures, and she did not review any of the public
14 literature available with regard to treatment tent to
15 actually be able to identify and articulate what was
16 different with regard to the treatment tent in the trade
17 secrets of AgroFresh versus what was already known publicly.

18 So here again we had the admission that the
19 person who was put up by the corporation was unaware of
20 where the trade secrets were with regard to treatment tent
21 measured against the specific and verified opinions of Dr.
22 Beaudry, who showed that there was no trade secret that was
23 identified in any of the materials he reviewed on behalf of
24 UPL and Decco, responding to what AgroFresh has generically
25 thrown out. That testimony remains unrebutted.

1 We then have a third category, Your Honor,
2 centralized room, gas sampling and 1-MCP dosing system.
3 Here again we received only generic statements about
4 purportedly proprietary sampling method.

5 Dr. Zettler conceded that the identified slide
6 that was put in front of him during deposition did not
7 contain any trade secrets. AgroFresh has provided no
8 information on purported time points or algorithms for gas
9 sampling.

10 Dr. Beaulieu on behalf of AgroFresh gave no
11 specifics on timing or algorithms. Measured against this,
12 Dr. Beaudry again analyzed what was there to be seen and
13 would have been produced and he was able to conclude that
14 AgroFresh has not shown any trade secrets regarding 1-MCP
15 sampling. We discussed that further in our brief at page 8,
16 and we also have in Dr. Beaudry's report a number of
17 paragraphs that go through this from 160 to 164, 175 by
18 201.

19 Ultimately, his conclusion in paragraph 2 01 --

20 THE COURT: Dr. Beaudry is defendants' expert?

21 MR. IVEY: Yes, Your Honor. He's on behalf of
22 UPL and Decco from the University -- Michigan State
23 University. He would be very irritated if I got Ann Arbor
24 and Michigan messed up. But Michigan State University is
25 where he's an expert with 1-MCP, and he has been retained

1 and has given a report on this, which is what caused some of
2 the reactions to our testimony in our analysis of the
3 opinions even though there was no opening report on behalf
4 of AgroFresh with regard to trade secrets and its
5 technologies. And so he concluded that AgroFresh has not
6 shown that it has any trade secrets related to gas sampling
7 and 1-MCP and or ethylene.

8 THE COURT: Whether something is a trade
9 secret is an issue of fact. You agree with me on that
10 one. Right?

11 MR. IVEY: It is, provided, Your Honor, that
12 there has been at this stage sufficient identification of
13 that so that we can actually see that we've gone beyond
14 generic statements, vague references, or other types of
15 explosions of words that basically do not in any way
16 identify precisely what we're talking about.

17 So with regard to gas sampling, yes, you could
18 have trade secrets in that regard, but there has been no
19 information regarding the time points or the algorithms.
20 Algorithms can be produced if, in fact, they do exist and if
21 it impacts, they are a trade secret. Had they been
22 produced, we would have had the opportunity to see whether
23 those algorithms were anything that people didn't already
24 know about within the field.

25 So the problem at the summary judgment stage,

1 Your Honor, as opposed to the discovery stage is that while
2 they may give me a general idea where they're going with
3 their trade secrets so I can pursue that with 30(b)(6)
4 witnesses and with their experts and their responses in the
5 contention interrogatories, once we get to this stage, the
6 question is, is there sufficient information to present the
7 matter to the jury on the idea that there is a trade secret,
8 it has been articulated with sufficient particularity that
9 has been something we can identify and say is distinct from
10 what would otherwise be publicly available or generally
11 known to people in the field.

12 And that's the other problem when you don't
13 actually put people to the proof with regard to the
14 articulation of the time points or the algorithms for gas
15 sampling, and it's simply just the idea that you are saying
16 I've got secrets. I've got secrets and they involve
17 methodology. They involve testing. They involve analysis.
18 They involve algorithms. I'm not going to show you what
19 they are or tell you what they are, but I've got them
20 somewhere. That simply at this stage is insufficient.

21 And since Dr. Beaudry has gone through and could
22 not find anything specific with regard to the centralized
23 room gas sampling and 1-MCP dosing systems, he came to the
24 conclusion, again, in a verified opinion and it's
25 un rebutted, that there has been no trade secret that has

1 been disclosed here.

2 So the category, yes. The technology, yes. You
3 could very well have trade secrets here, but at some point,
4 this viewing point, they have to cross that threshold and
5 tell us what is that is. Once they've told us, we can agree
6 or disagree whether that's publicly known. You have to get
7 over that first hurdle now. Disclose what it is with
8 sufficient particularity that we know where we're going and
9 what it go we're arguing about. Without that, they have
10 failed to meet the threshold burden for supplying this
11 information to a jury for it to make a determination beyond
12 what we've given at this point, which brings me to the final
13 category, Your Honor, and that has to do with biological
14 trial. And if ever there was an explosion of this series of
15 words without there being any specificity to it, this was
16 the category, among others.

17 Dr. Beaulieu was the person who was used for the
18 disclosure of AgroFresh's presentation and the sum and
19 substance of what she talked about is apparently what
20 they're claiming to be the biological trial trade secrets.
21 Her conclusory references in this regard to trade secrets on
22 fruits and vegetables is simply inadequate to meet the
23 burden of clearly identifying the trade secrets. We recount
24 the inadequacies and the lack of awareness at the opening,
25 our opening brief at page 11, so we go through that in some

1 detail and we also reiterate it in our reply brief at 8. So
2 I won't keep going through the fact that they simply didn't
3 say anything other than we've got biological trials, but
4 that's effectively where we wind up.

5 So in sum, Your Honor, what we have here is at
6 each juncture AgroFresh's generic statements and unspecific
7 conclusory identification of trade secrets more or less by
8 category as opposed to specific, particularly described
9 items, capabilities and methodologies, and algorithms is
10 where we are at the summary judgment stage. And on each of
11 the four categories that we brief, they have failed to show
12 that there is a fact in dispute and that there is, in fact,
13 information which merits going through the next step, which
14 is to put the information before the jury. In each of these
15 categories, AgroFresh's claims fail as a matter of law for
16 the trade secrets.

17 We've cited again the Dow case because it was
18 such a close analogy not only on the matter of the
19 transmission of trade secrets, but also on the
20 identification of trade secrets as well. And we believe
21 it's controlling and let's say instructive with regard to
22 the issues that we've raised this afternoon with the Court.

23 And I think I can submit on that. We do have,
24 as I mentioned, I'm anxious to get to the other point, but I
25 don't want to get ahead of the Court in this regard. The

1 Court did on August 23rd send an oral order requiring more
2 particularity for trade secret identification, and we did,
3 in fact, file a brief, pocket brief in response to that
4 objecting to a number of those categories which we think are
5 beginning to percolate back into the case and continue to
6 create the same kind of problems we've had the entire way.

7 But with regard to those four categories, those
8 were the reasons and the reason why we sought summary
9 judgment that have not been articulated with reasonable
10 clarity and specificity in each of those to survive the
11 motion for summary judgment.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor, before we yield the
14 podium, may I just make one point just to amplify an answer
15 to that question you had about manufacturing and withdrawn
16 trade secrets?

17 Mr Lee, if we could pull up, please, the
18 withdrawal is at DI 300, Note 1 one, and what it says is
19 AgroFresh has decided not to pursue claims for
20 misappropriation of its 1-MCP manufacturing process,
21 including purification and stabilization steps, and the
22 manufacturing process for SmartFresh technology.

23 Given the way, the nature of these claims are
24 where AgroFresh is claiming that TruPick is its
25 manufacturing process and its product, what this basically

1 means is, the entire scope of manufacturing has been
2 withdrawn, not just the TruPick product, but also expressly
3 for the SmartFresh, which is their product, so it's the
4 whole scope of manufacturing. As a result of this
5 withdrawal, the parties stood down on discovery as to
6 manufacturing across the board. We've gotten none as to
7 any, any aspect of TruPick, SmartFresh or any manufacturing
8 at this stage.

9 Thank you, Your Honor.

10 MR. MacGILL: So, Your Honor, coming back to, if
11 we could, just the counts before the Court on summary
12 judgment.

13 So we have summarized for the Court what remains
14 before the Court on the summary judgment. If we may take a
15 look at the right-hand side, trade secret number 9, which is
16 our testing protocols, and they have challenged this in four
17 respects.

18 They've challenged our application technology,
19 our treatment tent technology and AgroFresh gas sampling
20 technology. That's their challenge. I would like to
21 address the evidence associated with each of these
22 components that we've designated and give highlights of the
23 designation so that we have clear descriptions of what has
24 actually occurred.

25 These protocols are our testing protocols for a

1 specific point in time. These are our testing protocols for
2 the treatment of fruit, the treatment of fruit. The
3 separate protocol for manufacturing 1-MCP is different in
4 time and different in context.

5 Manufacturing 1-MCP and -- manufacturing 1-MCP
6 and testing for its impurities is entirely distinct from
7 what we're talking about here.

8 Mr. Ivey was incorrect when he stated to the
9 Court just a few minutes ago that, in answer to the
10 manufacturing question, that it included SmartFresh and
11 TruPick. Incorrect. And Mr. Williamson's clarifications
12 also did not clarify anything.

13 That is what they have challenged. They have
14 challenged the context of our gas sampling, our testing
15 protocols in the treatment of fruit context.

16 Now, relative to that process, if we could go to
17 the --

18 THE COURT: I'm sorry. So did you or did
19 you not withdraw manufacturing for your product and
20 TruPick's?

21 MR. MacGILL: Well, if I may, may I hand up
22 another series of exhibits, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: I just want the answer, please.

24 MR. MacGILL: Okay. No. What we did --

25 THE COURT: So what did that mean, the footnote

1 that Mr. Williamson just put up there, because I've got to
2 tell you, after all the stuff with Mr. Kleinrichert where
3 1-MCP kind of stood for defendants' product, I, too, was
4 thinking that that is what it meant.

5 MR. MacGILL: Your Honor, in the separate in
6 time and separate in context manufacturing process of 1-MCP,
7 what we do is we use gas chromatography, I'm stumbling on
8 the words, to quantify 1-MCP using a Cpack Method 1. In
9 that context, that's the first thing we do.

10 In that context, the second thing we do is we
11 use the same GC to measure 1-MC impurities, and we use Cpack
12 Method Number 2. That is what we do in the context of the
13 manufacturing process of 1-MCP, the active ingredient.
14 That's exactly what we talked about in the footnote,
15 exactly.

16 The context we're here in court today, and we're
17 not claiming that to be a trade secret, we're not claiming
18 that to be a trade secret. We've said that all along
19 consistently in the footnote, in the court here today. We
20 are not claiming that, and they understand that.

21 Now --

22 THE COURT: But you are claiming the
23 manufacturing process for TruPick?

24 MR. MacGILL: We are claiming the gas sampling
25 technology in the context, Your Honor, that has two

1 components. And if I may put up one more slide, if I may
2 show this slide.

3 With respect to what's in front of the Court,
4 you can see on this slide, when we treat fruit, we have two
5 stages -- the first 24 hours, which is represented in green.
6 We identify issues in the atmosphere of the treatment room.
7 In the atmosphere of the treatment room, we look for 1-MCP,
8 ethylene, carbon dioxide, oxygen, and that has all been
9 confirmed in the documents that we produced in the case.
10 All right. We've told them what the method is and the
11 equipment.

12 In the treatment context, that's the first
13 24 hours. Separately, for the next six to eight months, we
14 have an ongoing fruit metabolism analysis where we test for
15 hundreds of different molecules. That is entirely distinct
16 from the manufacture of 1-MCP. This is fruit treatment and
17 the separate process of manufacturing 1-MCP and testing for
18 its impurities is entirely distinct from that.

19 THE COURT: Are you asserting the manufacturing
20 process of TruPick? I'm not understanding what you are
21 telling me is the answer to that question. I have your
22 method disclosure here.

23 MR. MacGILL: Right.

24 THE COURT: It says your disclosure, and it
25 says, your disclosure includes the manufacturing process for

1 NT 7815, which is TruPick.

2 So are you asserting that or are you not
3 asserting that?

4 MR. MacGILL: We own that. Yes. We own that.

5 THE COURT: But how is that not withdrawn?

6 MR. MacGILL: We withdrew one thing,
7 manufacturing process for 1-MCP.

8 Now, can we show the other example, the
9 side-by-side example? We withdraw -- what we withdrew --
10 let me cull this up real quickly.

11 If you look at the left-hand column, what we
12 withdrew is what's on the left-hand side, the manufacturing
13 process, the 1-MCP manufacturing process and these specific
14 details.

15 One, how we quantify 1-MCP through that method
16 number one and how we measure impurity in the 1-MCP. That's
17 different, that's different science. It's different
18 technology. We withdrew that. We withdrew that in the
19 footnote that we just, that Mr. Williamson just referenced.
20 We withdrew that in the document 300. Specifically, we
21 withdrew it.

22 The AgroFresh gas sampling is entirely distinct
23 in time and science. Okay. What are we testing for?
24 Scientifically, it's for the first 24 hours we're looking at
25 a series of volatiles to make sure the dose has been applied

1 in the room. Okay.

2 Then, second, what we do for the next six to
3 eight months through our proprietary technology is we test
4 for hundreds of volatiles, to see what's happening inside
5 the room after the application. And all of our science, all
6 of our biologic trials relate to this. What happens in the
7 treatment room?

8 So --

9 THE COURT: That's not a manufacturing process.
10 Right? I'm getting confused because I keep asking about
11 manufacturing process and you're going to treatment rooms.

12 Is manufacturing process done in the treatment
13 room?

14 MR. MacGILL: No.

15 THE COURT: All right. So let's stop with the
16 treatment room and stick with manufacturing process. You
17 have withdrawn the manufacturing process for making the
18 1-MCP.

19 MR. MacGILL: Yes.

20 THE COURT: And SmartFresh, but you're saying
21 you never withdrew the manufacturing process for TruPick?

22 MR. MacGILL: Right. We own, we own TruPick.

23 THE COURT: I get it. I understand.

24 MR. MacGILL: Okay.

25 THE COURT: I get it. I just want to make sure

1 I understand what's at issue and what's not at issue.

2 MR. MacGILL: Okay. If I may say it one last
3 time, we are not, we are not -- we said it in writing. I've
4 said it to the Court in an April hearing. I'm saying it
5 today in open court. We are not pursuing the AgroFresh
6 1-MCP manufacturing process and we are not complaining with
7 respect to that category of technology, Your Honor, a Method
8 1 and Method 2 with respect to that process. Withdrawn in
9 writing, and I said the same thing to the Court in April.
10 Okay.

11 Now, in my remaining time I'd like to cover
12 three or four quick things.

13 THE COURT: You have four minutes, so I will
14 give you a couple extra minutes, but go ahead.

15 MR. MacGILL: All right. Let's go to the
16 statutory overview.

17 Your Honor, so if you look at what happens in
18 the treatment tent in terms of how we test these volatiles
19 in the first 24 hours and how we test these volatiles for
20 six to eight months, that's the core of our trade secrets.
21 That is a core of our trade secrets.

22 If we go to the statutory overview, please,
23 trade secret, as this Court knows, includes lots of things,
24 including, third line, a process.

25 Our testing is a process, Your Honor, and

1 specifically, this testing protocol is part, is a core trade
2 secret. Let's go to the next slide.

3 Specifically, this testing protocol is our trade
4 secret. We heard pieces and parts of different testimony.
5 Here is the reality. Mr. Zettler confirmed in his
6 deposition on December 17th, 2018: Are there other
7 AgroFresh trade secrets related to testing protocols? I
8 think, other than what you've, you've noted, I think
9 collectively the combination provides the information that
10 we say is good know-how.

11 Well, this was amplified by the next slide.
12 When we told you a minute ago about process, what is the
13 testing protocol process? How many elements does it have?
14 Several. I'd like to talk about five.

15 Application technology, treatment technology --
16 treatment tent technology, gas sampling technology,
17 measurement of these compounds and know-how associated with
18 conducting tests.

19 We go to the next slide. This was litigated in
20 case one. Judge Robinson said with respect to the
21 protocols, here's what she found. She said specifically
22 that the defendants relied on Mir to do the following:
23 "Prepare the protocols, train/conduct the applications,
24 evaluations, troubleshooting, et cetera." Finding of this
25 Court previously.

1 Next slide. With respect to the first component
2 of application of 1-MCP, Dr. Oakes, our former employee, now
3 the lead on Decco, what he says, during my time at
4 AgroFresh, it was clear that the synthesis of 1-MCP is not
5 straightforward, and very few, if any, 1-MCP producers
6 besides AgroFresh were able to produce truly high purity
7 1-MCP.

8 If we go to the next slide. If we go one more
9 slide, please.

10 With respect to their, the steps that UPL took,
11 they had to get into the architecture of our trade secrets
12 through the acquisition process that they didn't succeed in,
13 but here's what they did. They hired Dr. Oakes, and then he
14 says a lot of things about the specific trade secrets. He
15 admits the essential nature of our testing protocol.

16 Here's what he says to the head of R&D at Decco.
17 Mr. Akhter: You just as an FYI, Nazir has an understanding
18 of the air sampling procedure used by AgroFresh using
19 GC/FID, and then later he says the testing seems essential.

20 That's exactly our point with respect. With
21 respect to the testing protocol and the gas sampling
22 component of it, he says he knows it and we're going to get
23 it.

24 Next slide.

25 With respect to sampling technology, in the

1 context, the separate context of what we've identified, what
2 do we do to treat fruit? Here's what Mir had. This is one
3 of our lead people writing to Dr. Mir and others and he says
4 the following, and he's referring to MCP sampling. I've had
5 the parts ordered to transition an apple room gas sampling
6 manifold to a banana pellet sampler. I need to know how
7 much gas you would like to sample or how big your Tedlar
8 sample bags are? He's writing this to Dr. Mir.

9 The device will be built to pull a sample from
10 four different locations. You will start with the PLC. The
11 timer will reach two hours and fill four bags from four
12 locations, exactly the kind of trade secrets and technology
13 that we are addressing in this lawsuit from us to him and
14 from him to UPL/AgroFresh.

15 We turn the page. Our former employee, Dr.
16 Oakes. Here's what he says about the challenges they
17 overcome. We spent many months and years to understand how
18 to successfully conduct trials with 1-MCP with a long
19 learning curve to understand how to treat fruit with a gas
20 which easily escapes. Again, context, Your Honor. Our
21 treatment of fruit.

22 He continues. So as you see, 1-MCP can be a
23 challenge unless you understand some of the basics of
24 securing 1-MCP in an airtight tent.

25 Continuing, AgroFresh uses treatment tents and

1 plastic bottom sheet which are impermeable to 1-MCP. This
2 film is specially made for AgroFresh.

3 And then notwithstanding what you just heard --

4 THE COURT: But that's not very specific. I
5 mean, it's saying the film especially made for AgroFresh, so
6 that's not disclosing a specific. Right? You need to get
7 more specific than that for a trade secret. Right?

8 MR. MacGILL: Here we are. Decco now has access
9 to AgroFresh type of tents. Okay. That's exactly what they
10 did. And so when we get to treatment tents, this is what
11 they look for.

12 Then, continuing to the next acknowledgments --

13 THE COURT: Were treatment tents raised in the
14 disclosures?

15 MR. MacGILL: Yes, they are. And for --

16 THE COURT: Not the ones that I just got, the
17 ones that defendant objected to. I got something that said
18 treatment tents were never mentioned. I don't know if
19 that's true or not.

20 MR. MacGILL: May I answer that question before
21 continuing?

22 THE COURT: Yes. I don't think we need to go
23 through all of the specifics.

24 MR. MacGILL: Okay. I've got it.

25 So let's -- two quick things. On biologic

1 trials, if you --

2 THE COURT: Yes, I've got it.

3 MR. MacGILL: All right. You don't need to hear
4 from me on that. All right.

5 THE COURT: My issue on this is not so much that
6 there's not an issue of fact. It's, I do have some concerns
7 when I look at the trade secrets that are being asserted
8 here, that as to the specificity and what is going to be put
9 in front of the jury. So I mean, you guys, I want you to go
10 back and talk to each other about stuff that is apparently
11 new and wasn't in the amended disclosures that Judge Fallon
12 allowed, because that's going to be the input.

13 If there's new stuff in what you submitted to
14 me, that's not come coming in. The universe is what was in
15 the amended disclosures that AgroFresh was permitted to
16 make, but I can't make a determination as to what's new and
17 what's not.

18 But some of the things that did catch my
19 attention here are, you know, when you say defendants
20 appropriated these trade secrets with respect to the '216
21 patent and deprived AgroFresh of the right to continue to
22 maintain this data and other information, it's the kind of
23 references to other information. What are you talking
24 about? The '216, I understand you specify figures and
25 things like that.

1 MR. MacGILL: Right.

2 THE COURT: That's fine. But some of this other
3 stuff, it doesn't seem like it could possibly meet a
4 particularity standard when you are talking about other
5 information or in talking about safety information, which
6 I'm not sure how that's a trade secret, but assuming it is.
7 You know, any revisions and supporting information. You
8 identify certain things, but then it's kind of this
9 catchall, which doesn't really tell me at this very late
10 stage of the proceedings what you're planning to do.

11 So my issue isn't so much with respect to the
12 motion for summary judgment, but in looking at it, it did
13 raise some questions about how much particularity there
14 really is here.

15 MR. MacGILL: Okay.

16 THE COURT: So what I'd like the parties to do
17 is to go back and discuss, because there were a number of
18 things where, you know, for example, the defendants said in
19 the accumulated knowledge that there were just new pages of
20 information. If that's true, we should take those out.

21 There are other places where I think you
22 probably want to be a little bit more specific and clarify
23 that you're not just relying on random undisclosed things,
24 but what you're going to be relying on for the trade
25 secrets.

1 MR. MacGILL: Yes. And if I may comment really
2 quickly, we understand, we will meet with them and do
3 exactly what you said. The statements that the treatment
4 tent information is entirely new is just false, objectively
5 false.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. MacGILL: All right. We will show you that.

8 The statements that the, you know, when you sent
9 us that order, Your Honor, when we responded last week, we
10 cited record evidence. This is not extemporaneous writing
11 by the lawyers on this side of the courtroom. This is
12 record evidence that we cited to you. Okay.

13 So when we look at the four corners of what we
14 sent, Mr. Ciulla, Ms. Lindemann and I, we didn't write
15 argument. We wrote one summary paragraph in one place. We
16 cited evidence and interrogatories. So we will meet with
17 them as you directed, but I feel to be hit over the head the
18 other day, you didn't tell us this, you didn't tell us that,
19 we did. And I could go through chapter and verse. I've got
20 11 citations on treatment tents ready to go. On this
21 accumulated knowledge, same thing.

22 THE COURT: I'm not ruling on that at all. I'm
23 just saying I can't tell from what's here.

24 MR. MacGILL: Understood.

25 THE COURT: And since I asked you all to do this

1 and they responded, I don't want to have an argument about
2 it because you guys have not talked about it. There may be
3 some things you look at and you say, oh, okay, that's fair,
4 and there may be things that you point out to them, the
5 treatment tents thing and they say, okay, we drop it.

6 So I would just like you guys to discuss it to
7 the extent there are remaining issues. You can use motions
8 in limine to address those, but that was sort of my thought
9 in looking the trade secrets. And I just wanted to point
10 out to you, the reason I asked for it was because when I was
11 going through the papers, it did seem like there might be
12 some issue with respect to some of this in particular.

13 MR. MacGILL: That's fair enough. We need to
14 hand up the other -- yes. Okay. Your Honor, I made
15 reference to some documents. Let me hand these up, too.

16 This is the four slides that I had made
17 reference to, or one of the four that I made reference to
18 (handing slides to the Court).

19 So, Your Honor, one last thing. I want to thank
20 you for your time. On biologic trials, we cited a chapter
21 and verse, so to speak, in terms of the transfer, where we
22 told Dr. Mir about specific biologic trials, and we said to
23 him, here they are, and we gave two examples in our
24 briefing. We gave those trial references to him and we gave
25 specific detailed biologic trial data and information to

1 him. That's in our brief, but the transfer of those trials,
2 and then we used some University of California data trials
3 that we have e-mails in the record, also showing we gave
4 him our trade secrets on those biological trials as to
5 examples.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Very briefly.

8 MR. IVEY: Your Honor, actually, I think the
9 display illustrated the point we were making, which is that
10 you hear a lot of words. They're scientific words, but
11 they're categories and they're generalities. There was no
12 disclosure of algorithms or other trade secrets here.

13 With regard to combinations, there was no
14 indication of where the trade secret combination information
15 was, what was the secret sauce versus what was the other
16 stuff that might have been added to it.

17 With regard to the treatment tents, just very
18 briefly. One of the points we make in our papers and Dr.
19 Beaudry makes in his disclosure is that generally, some of
20 the airtight enclosures and the suitable treatment tents
21 were commercially available from at least two sources at the
22 time that's relevant here. And so the point is, yes, they
23 may be saying they're using a specific type of treatment
24 tent, they didn't tell us which one it is or what it was,
25 but there were treatment tents available commercially.

1 Dr. Zettler never went beyond his inability to
2 say that he didn't find any trade secrets with regard to the
3 treatment tents and the diagrams he was shown. Dr. Beaulieu
4 also did not add a joinder specifically with regard to what
5 was missing in terms of specific articulation with
6 reasonable particularity and an explanation of how that
7 information, whatever it might be, was not already known and
8 accessible publicly.

9 So we have the same situation with regard to
10 each of those categories. There was a lot put up with
11 regard to e-mail, what's here and there. None of that
12 qualifies as trade secret threshold submission at this
13 point, Your Honor, and none of it, even to the extent that
14 it generically identified the category, explains how
15 whatever is in there is a departure from or improvement over
16 the trade secrets that were known, the technology that was
17 known at the time.

18 So we understand the Court wants us to go back
19 with regard to the submission and our recently noted
20 objections, and we will do that. We respect the Court's
21 guidance in that regard and we'll get back to the Court on
22 that.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

24 So one issue that I wanted to raise with the
25 parties is with respect to trial, we do have a limited

1 amount of time for the trial. It will be the week of
2 whatever week in October it is.

3 In order to give you a little bit more time, I
4 am considering picking the jury the week before so that we
5 don't waste time on that first Monday of the trial. So with
6 respect to that, there are two things to consider, and you
7 all can talk with your clients and then send me a joint
8 proposal or what you each would consent to do. But my
9 preference, and I have not spoken to any of the Magistrate
10 Judges on this, would be that you consent to a Magistrate
11 Judge for jury selection only and then that could take place
12 on Friday and the Magistrate Judge would pick the jury, and
13 then on Monday morning we'd swear them in, give them
14 preliminary instructions and go forward.

15 The other alternative that we may have, though I
16 need to discuss with the Clerk's Office, is I could do it on
17 the Thursday, so we could pick the jury on Thursday and they
18 could come back. It's a little bit more inconvenient for
19 the jurors, but it may be a possibility if either of you
20 don't consent to a Magistrate Judge or no Magistrate Judge
21 is available.

22 So those are things that I'd like you to
23 consider, and if you could get back to us by the end of the
24 day tomorrow so that we, if we have to call in the jury
25 early, we can do that. I think we need a couple weeks to do

1 that.

2 Any other issues that we should take up?

3 MR. MacGILL: Not from plaintiff, Your Honor.

4 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor. I hope
5 I wrote this down in my notes correctly, but I believe that
6 you had ordered AgroFresh to provide cases on the issue of
7 unjust enrichment for avoided development costs of the
8 asserted trade secrets where the defendant is not in the
9 market, and I was wondering if that is something which the
10 Court would permit a reply or response of a page or two if a
11 response is warranted?

12 THE COURT: Yes. What I asked them to do was
13 just to provide me cases. I believe Mr. MacGill said
14 argument. I said just the cases. And so if I want to
15 know -- when you submit, when plaintiff submits the cases,
16 we will read them, and if we want argument or we want to
17 know what the relevance is, we will ask.

18 MR. WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Anything else?

20 MR. IVEY: Nothing further from the defendants,
21 Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. MacGILL: Thank you.

24 (Hearing concluded at 12:45 p.m.)

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